hen it encour

nical problem

Two Americans turned back from Nigeria

LAGOS (AFP) - Two Americans who arrived Nigeria for a programme organised by the U.S. Information Service (USIS) affice here were immediately turned back by security agents on arrival at Lagos airport, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. Robert Holmes and Henry Elonge, environmentalists from the Clerk Atlanta University. Georgia, were on Saturday refused eatry into the country by immigration officials at the airport, the sucress told AFP. The visit of the two Americans had been planes tone a long time, the sources added. Although no official resion has so far been given for vending the Americans back, observers pointed to the reaction of the U.S. government against last Friday's execution of renowned writer and minority rights campaigner. Ken Saro-Wiwa, and eight of his companions. Among other sanctions, following the execution, the U.S. government has clamped on Nigeria an embargo on the sale and repair of arms and has also tightened its viva regime on government officials' visiting America.



Arab 'anti-terrorism' plan on hold

CAIRO (AFP) - Arab justice ministers have put on hold until next year a disputed draft plan for combatting militant violence officials at the Arab League said Wednesday. They said several member states voiced reservations on aspects of the plan, which would be discussed at the next meeting of justice ministers in 1996. The draft agreement "underlines the desire of the parties for close cooperation against terrorism, which threatens security and stability in Arab countries," said Egypt's Justice Minister Farouk Seif Al Nasr. The executive committee of the Arab League Council of Justice Ministers in Cairo drew up the draft in coordination with the council of interior ministers, he said. It "establishes the bases for cooperation against terrorism especially (concerning) the exchange of information and evidence and the mechanisms for extraditing prisoners," he said. The justice ministers opened their meeting on Tuesday, a day after a carbomb attack on U.S. offices in Riyadh used to train the Saudi National Guard that killed five Americans and an Indian national.

Volume 21 Number 6074 AMMAN THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16-17, 1995, JUMADA THANI 23-24, 1416

Price: Jordan 150 Fils

Peres named prime minister

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Labour leader Shimon Peres was officially appointed as Israel's new prime minister on Wednesday as President Ezer Weizman asked him to form a government to advance the peace process.

Mr. Peres, accepting Mr. Weizman's appointment. pledged to work for peace with neighbouring Arab ft's port energy countries and for a reconciliation between Israelis.

"At this difficult hour I thank you Mr. President for your help, and I will make every effort to achieve peace with our neighbours and between ourselves," Mr. Peres

The 72-year-old political veteran said he was ready to assume the task, but added: "My heart is heavy at the thought of the circumstances which have led to this.

"The loss of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, let his name be blessed, victim of a murderer's bullets, has left a people in tears and suffer-

Mr. Weizman said: "After consulting for two days with representatives from all the political factions I decided to confer on you the task of forming a government." The "overwhelming major-

ity of parliamentary groups proposed" Mr. Peres as new prime minister, following the assassination of Mr. Rabin on Nov. 4. he said.

Mr. Weizman, who has in past months criticised the autonomy accords with the Palestinians in the wake of deadly anti-Israeli bombings, ent is in the spledged his "complete support for the continuation of the pcace process."

In a brief and solemn ceremony at the president's offices, Mr. Weizman also paid tribute to Mr. Rabin's memory saying he fell "victim to a criminal hand, an act which has shattered our peo-

"I hope with all my heart that we will be able to eradicate the false conceptions which give birth to this disaster and that we will be able to strengthen understanding and the unity of our people."

Mr. Weizman told journalists after the ceremony: "I believe we need a government as broad as possible because the greater the support, the more able he will be to take courageous decisions.

But a national unity cabinet is not on the agen-Mr. Peres now has 21 days

to form a new government, a period which could be prolonged for a further 21 days. But sources said he was likely to present his new line-up next week.

Political analysts believe Mr. Peres will follow Mr. Rabin's example and keep the defence portfolio to give his government a strong image of security, while ceding his post of foreign minister under Mr. Rabin.

The previous coalition had the backing of 63 out of the 120 deputies in parliament: 44 Labour deputies, 12 from the left-wing Meretz, two right-wing defectors and five from Israeli-Arab minority

Mr. Peres has already held talks to try to draw in some of the smaller Jewish religious groups.

U.S. hints at foreign Mr. Hargreas role in Saudi blast

RIYADH (Agencies) -U.S. Ambassador Raymond Mabus on Wednesday hinted at possible foreign involvement in the devastating bomb blast which killed five Americans and an Indian at a U.S.-run Saudi Arabia milit-

ary centre two days ago. Saudi Arabia lives in a bad neighbourhood," he told reporters who asked for possible motives for the attack, which has sent shock waves through the secretive

kingdom (see page 2). Mr. Mabus said U.S. investigators so far had no idea who was behind the suspected carbomb, which he described as a "very sophisticated" device triggered by a

But when asked whether foreign powers hostile to the United States and Saudi Ara-

bia — such as Iran — might be responsible, he replied: "I've got a very open mind as to who might be involved. but... we have some bad neighbours... that is one of

U.S. embassy officials said American women were among the 60-odd people Who were injured when the bomb exploded in a car park near the Saudi National Guard training centre while its foreign employees were cating in a cafeteria.

Some were critically ill and one woman had to have 100 stitches in four hours of Surgery, a Western executive

Mr. Mabus said the bomb was clearly directed at Americans but vowed they would not be cowed by what he described as a "cowardly

"We're not going to withdraw behind walls... we will teep doing what we are going to do here... we will not be intimidated by this tragedy," he said. The incident would and the dozen celebrated added.

Tuesday that Irao was behind

the attack. General Wafik Samarrai. an Iragi opposition member and former head of Iraqi military intelligence who now lives in exile, also blamed the bombing on the Iraqi govern-

Al Jumhourivah added: "Some Kuwaiti officials accuse Iraq every time such an incident happens without any proof and without seeking to obtain information.'

It also said the United States sent a team of investigators to Riyadh because it had no confidence in the Saudis.

"Clinton has doubts about the ability of the Al Saud (ruling family) and sent a U.S. team to inquire into the Riyadh explosion," the news-

Another official newspaper Al Thawra said "terror has gripped Saudi Arabia" and described the attack as "the natural result of repression and arrests in Saudi Arabia." The Saudi government, meanwhile, put up a \$800,000 reward to track down the bombers.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said the reward of three million Saudi riyals would be given for "any information which will help investigators discover the identities of the perpetrators."

The offer is open to both Saudis and foreign nationals who will be guaranteed "total confidentiality," and those living abroad can contact Saudi embassies to offer information, the spokesman

The reward offer "show how important it is for Saudis and residents to cooperate in the investigation," he said.

A 19-member Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team and two U.S. State Department officials joined the Saudi authorities in the hunt for the bombers as the official Al Bilad newspaper said the attack could have been carned out by a "stray" Saudi

minority. The bombing was claimed by two little-known groups demanding U.S. forces leave Saudi Arabia "The Tigers of

(Continued on page 7)

King calls on silent majority to speak up

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday voiced his deep appreciation of the Jordanian peoples' celebration of his 60th birthday and the sincere good wishes and greetings which were sent to him on the occasion. He pledged to dedicate his whole life to serve the peo-

ple and the Arab Nation. Speaking to the morning television programme, "New Day," King Hussein said that he hopes that all Jordanians will be aware of and shoulder their responsibilities towards their country and nation.

but rather airing their views and expressing themselves about their aspirations and hopes and working towards achieving them," said the King, "We hope to hear the voice of the silent majority ringing loud and strong and frank about what is right."

"I do not wish to see the

silent majority always silent

The King expressed hope that the Jordanian people will succeed in pursuing their march and clearly define their course for the future in an atmosphere characterised by peace, security and stability.

which, he said, will help this region to achieve progress and prosperity.

"There is also need for the people to protect democracy so that it will serve as an example for others to follow and there is need for the Jordanians to live the political pluralism within a united Jordanian family," added the

King.
King Hussein stressed that "man is the basis and the target and therefore respect of human rights remains our utmost objec-

Referring to the past

years the King said they brought many challenges to him but he was determined to do the impossible to help the Jordanian people to pave the way for a brighter luture.

King Hussein on Wednesday received more cables of good wishes from Arab and foreign heads of state and leaders congratu-

lating him on his birthday. King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia sent a cable congratulating the King and wishing him good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity.

by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Turkish President Suleiman Demirel, Chad President Idris Debie, King Juan Carlos of Spain, Swedish King Carl Gustav, North Korean President Kim Jong-II and Finnish President Mauno Koivisto. The King also received cables from Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifah Ben Salman Al Khalifah and Bosnian Prime Minis-

ter Haris Silajdzic.



U.S asks Croatia to hand over war crime suspects

ZAGREB (R) — The United States pressed Croatia on Wednesday to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal after a Bosnian Croat militìa general indicted for slaughter of Muslims was appointed to a senior Croatian army post.

President Franjo Tudjman on Tuesday named General Tihomir Blaskic, chief of staff of the Bosnian Croat militia (HVO), as inspector in the Croatian army general inspectorate, one day after his indictment for crimes against humanity.

"The only appointment Mr. Blaskic can legally have now is with the International War Crimes Tribunal in the Peter Galbraith, U.S. ambassador to Croatia, said.

"All countries - Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia - have a legal obligation to turn over indicted war criminals who are on their territory. Cooperation is a factor that will affect U.S. relations with these countries," he told reporters in Zagreb.

Independent analysts and even officials in Mr. Tudjman's government were taken aback by the president's move at a time when he is negotiating for Croat interests at the ex-Yugoslav peace conference, mediated by U.S. diplomats in Davton,

The United Nations criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia on Mondav charged six leading Bosnian Croats, including Mr. Blaskic and Dario Kordic, president of the Bosnian wing of Mr. Tudjman's HDZ party, with war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed against Muslims in ethnic fighting in 1993.

Some analysts said the move seemed to be less a promotion than a hasty manoeuvre to relieve Mr. Blaskic of his frontline command and shift him to an obscure admi-

Long American budget deadlock predicted

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - Rival congressional lead-ers said on Wednesday that they expected no early breakthrough in the budget deadlock that idled about 40 per cent of federal workers for a second day.

House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich said the Republicans and Democrats were not "an inch closer" to a deal than when temporary spending authority ran out at midnight Monday. "We'll sit down again today," to try to end the impasse, Mr. Gingrich said on the CBS programme "This Morning." But he added: "I

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, in a separate television interview, concurred, saying: Right now it looks like this

don't think we're an inch

could be a pretty long siege.' Public opinion polls showed Republicans were taking a bigger hit than President Bill Clinton for the shutdown, which sent about 800,000 "nonessential" federal workers home on

Tuesday, A USA Today/CNN/ Gallup poll on Tuesday night showed 49 per cent of respondents blamed Republican congressional leaders, 26 per cent blamed Democrat Clinton and 19 per cent blamed

Mr. Gingrich said: "We'll take the heat for the moment because we'll do the right thing for our children and grandchildren."

Republicans want Mr. Clinton to eliminate the federal deficit in seven years, rather than in the 10-year time frame he favours. Mr. Clinton has refused.

Mr. Gingrich has proposed adopting piecemeal legislation to fund the reopening of high-profile government functions, such as processing social security applications and running national parks. Acting to avert a default, Treasury Secretary Robert

Rubin invoked his authority to withdraw money from retirement trust funds to meet interest payments on the \$4.9 trillion U.S. debt. "If the Republican Congress won't take action to prevent default and protect

social security recipients, I will." President Clinton said in a statement. Mr. Gingrich told his staff that the standoff could last 90 days, his spokesman said. When he said 90 days, he

meant 90 days," Tony Blank-

ley, the speaker's press

secretary, told reporters. But seeking to ease public anger, Mr. Gingrich said he would submit special legislation to reopen the national parks, social security, the veterans administration and U.S. passport offices. The national park bill could go to House floor Wednesday, he

To stave off default, Mr. Rubin announced he would meet a \$25 billion interest payment on the U.S. debt

(Continued on page 7)



Wednesday as she and others celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declaration of independence by the Palestinian National Council (AFP photo)

Palestinians celebrate 'independence'

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Thousands of Palestinians turned out here on Wednesday to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declara-tion of the "State of Palestine" proclaiming that their dream was within sight.

"The Palestinian state is beginning to take shape," the secretary general of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) Tayeb Abdul Rahim, told a crowd of 10,000 people in a stadium in

Gaza City. Seven armoured troop transporters equipped with machine guns took part in a military parade in the city, as thousands of people across the territories celebrated the anniversary of the 1988 declaration by the Palestinian

National Council. But trouble flared in the West Bank town of Nablus where Israeli troops fired on the crowds and threw tearA breakaway group from the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Fatch movement burned tyres in the centre of Nablus and threw stones at Israeli soldiers.

Soldiers fired live ammunition, rubber bullets and teargas at the stone-throwers. they added.

There were no reports of casualties but Palestinians said the tear-gas drove many people off the streets. In Jenin, where Israeli troops withdrew on Monday

after 28 years of occupation.

more than 3,000 Palestinians joined policemen in an independence day parade on Wednesday. We in the Jenin district feel very happy and hope that the day will come when the Palestinian state gains its full independence," said Louis Hazboun, a Catholic priest

attending the Jenin celebra-

reception in the PLO's Jerusalem headquarters due on Wednesday to avoid embarrassing acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres as he forms a new government. Faisal Al Husseini, the PLO official in charge of Palestinians in the city, said:

> until further notice so it would not be exploited by Israeli elements to disrupt our partner's attempts to reorganise political conditions in Israel." PLO officials said Mr. Peres and other Israelis had

The reception was delayed

delay an independence day

also objected to the wording of invitations to the reception in the Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in East Jerusalem.

The invitations said the reception would be "Under the patronage of H.E. President Yasser Arafat" — wording which Israelis could construe

The PLO has decided to as a violation of agreements banning PLO activity in the city at this stage in peace negotiations In Gaza motorcycles ridden by Palestinan policemen

drove behind the troop transporters, while hundreds of balloons in the red, black, white and green colours of the Palestinian flag were released into the air. Dozens of flags and posters of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who declared the day a public

walls of the stadium and in the streets. Mr. Arafat, however, missed the ceremonies because he left for Paris to take part in ceremonies to mark the 50th anniversary of UN-

holiday, were stuck to the

ESCO. "The declaration of the state placed us on the political map and the (1993) Declaration of Principles put us

(Continued on page 7)

nistrative position.

Associations cry foul over expected curbs on their powers

Membership in profession-

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Nine opposition political parties have rejected government plans to amend laws governing the professional associations, describing the impending changes "as a first step to weaken the institutions of civic society (and) silencing popular opposition" to the peace treaty with Israel,

In a joint statement made public yesterday the opposition parties, mainly Islamist and left-wing pan-Arabists. said the government wants to dominate the professional associations through amending laws governing them so that they become another "tool in the hands of government agencies which are plagued by bureaucracy, corruption, favoritism and adminis-

trative imbalances." "The political parties which have signed this statement express their rejection

of these policies which work against the national interest of the country and hinder the active role of professional unions in national productiv-" said the statement, which was signed by the Islamic Action Front, the Jordanian Socialist Arab Baath Party, the Jordanian Communist Party and the National Action Front as well as other pan-Arabist and leftist political groups.

The associations have repeatedly come under criticism by His Majesty King Hussein and the government for what the regime described as undue meddling in politics to the detriment of union members' interests. In a speech to senior military officers last week, the

King said the country would no longer tolerate the associations' stands and instructed the government to curb their influence. Eleven professional asso-

ment might amend the law to make membership in the unions voluntary or seek a rulciations have taken a hardline

stand against the peace treaty with Israel, adopting decisions that allow for punishing to meddle in politics. members who "normalise" ties with Israel.

al unions is mandatory and many professionals, like doctors, engineers and lawvers. cannot practise unless they are licensed by the associations. The unions have threatened to withdraw the practice licence from members who deal with Israelis.

Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker told the Jordan to protect their unions." Times in an interview this week that the government would act to end the associations' interference in national politics but said that the nature of the amendments that would be introduced to laws governing them have not

been decided yet. Observers say the governing from the Higher Council

for the Interpretation of the Constitution on whether it is constitutional for the unions

Traditionally, the associations played a role in compensating for political parties when they were banned. "The Constitution, the

National Charter and the Political Parties' Law allow Jordanian citizens to join political parties. This applies for members of union," said the opposition parties, which urged members of the professional associations to "unite

The parties said the professional unions play an important role in society and in raising the people's awareness of national responsibilities. upholding the principles of democracy, human rights and public freedoms.

Acting to limit the role of the associations, said the statement, "will undermine the state because the national structure cannot be complete

unless civic institutions are protected and their role in consolidating national awareness, social, professional and voluntary work is streng-

thened." The statement said Jordanian unions have played a major role in upgrading the professional abilities of their members, providing them with basic services such as medical insurance and social security, curbing unemployment and monitoring the performance of their members. "duties which the govern-

ment bureaucracy cannot do" Sharif Zeid said in this week's interview with the Jordan Times that the action the government will take in its effort to end the association's interference in politics would not affect the benefits that their members have. "We are not going to inflict on them any financial dam-

age or loss. We will find a (Continued on page 7)

Iran denies role in Afghan war

KABUL (AFP) — Iran has denied Islamic Taliban militia claims that it is involved in the Afghan conflict, but has reiterated its recognition of the beleaguered Kabul admi-

Visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Allaeddin Borujerdi said here late Tuesday Tehran wanted to help find a negotiated solution to the fighting here, but dismissed accusations of Iranian interference in Afghan

"Our view about the Afghan conflict is clear: We condemn any outside in-terference. We are a pro-peace country and would not commit such an act ourselves. "Iranian weapons exist in

Afghanistan, but these have survived from the time when we cooperated with the Muiahedeen during the Jihad (guerrilla war against the occupying Soviet forces), but this is not our current policy," Mr. Borujerdi told reporters at the Iranian embas-

The denial came after the Taliban religious students movement claimed in September that Tehran was supplying arms and vehicles to government forces and allowing them to use bases inside Iran to strike at the Taliban-controlled areas of Afghanistan.

The Talibans presented Iranian-made weapons to Tehran's consulate in the western city of Herat, claiming they were proof of current Iranian military support of the Tajik-dominated, Persian-speaking government

Mr. Borujerdi said that during his two-day visit here he had discussed the conflict and possible solutions to it with President Burhanuddin Rabbani and the government's top military commander Ahmad Shah Masood.

He said he had expressed Iran's desire to help by promoting a negotiated peace among all sides in the protracted conflict, which is now concentrated on the government battle against the Taliban for control of Kabul.

The deputy foreign minister also stressed that Iran recognised Mr. Rabbani's government, which the Talibans — who have won control of large parts of the country in their armed strug-gle — have claimed is illegiti-

"Any Islamic state already existing in Kabul is legiti-mate. We should help such a government come to a peace-ful solution to the problems through negotiations, as it has been proved that no military solution will work."

Mr. Borujerdi said that an internal solution had to be found to end the fighting here," which has killed hundreds of thousands of people since the Soviet invaded Afghanistan in 1979, and which has since become a bitter civil war between various factions vying for control of the government.

But he stressed that Iran had not yet decided whether to include the Talibans in any attempts at a negotiated set-

"The Talibans are newly emerged, that's why it takes ime to decide whether to deal with them or not," he

The religious students sprang up in the Koranic schools of southern Afghanistan last year, and rapidly gained control of about twothirds of the war-weary country by promising the restoration of law and order and an end to the conflict.

The black-turbaned warriors then routed both government and opposition forces on the battlefields and swept towards Kabul, which they are besieging and where they want to set up a stricter Islamic state and impose Islamic law on the whole nation.

Amid Talibans' claims of Iranian interference in Afghanistan, the Kabul government has accused Pakistan of backing the rebels both military and logisitically, a claim which Islamabad has denied.

Mr. Borujerdi said Iran, which recently called for an end to Pakistani interference in Afghanistan, accepted Pakistan's denial of any interference in the war.

"We have spoken to Pakistan about involvement in the Talibans and they have contardicted such reports. We have to accept their official statement." he said.



CLASHES IN NABLUS: Palestinians pull a comrade to a car affer he was shot and wounded in the leg by Israeli soldiers when hundreds turned up on Wednesday in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declaration of independence by the Palestinian National Council (see page one) (AFP photo)

Fear grips Saudi-based expatriates

RIYADH (R) — Fear has gripped Saudi Arabia's expatriate community after a devastating bomb blast killed six foreigners and injured

The U.S. mission in Riyadh kept thousands of Americans in the capital supplied with regular advice and diplomats said the explosion on Monday at a U.S.-run military centre had shaken their uniquely peaceful. albeit segregated existence.

"People are worried. We are asking them to exercise extreme caution and be especially vigilant on personal security," a U.S. diplomat All social events scheduled

for the week had been cancelled, including a military ball and an annual bazaar which normally drew hundreds of expatriates.
"This is completely out of

ed attacks in the West, Japan

the blue for most people — if you'd asked someone what it was like living here a few days ago they would probably have said calm and happy,

wished to remain anony-

which shattered windows and blew in doors more than two kilometres, revived nightmare memories of the 1983 Beirut suicide bombing in which 241 U.S. servicemen

A U.S. embassy spokesmen said seven people, including five Americans, were still fighting for their lives in Nearly two thirds of the 60

eople wounded when the blast ripped through a cafeteria at the Saudi National Guard facility were Americans, including 13 military Two shadowy Islamic

groups - an unknown organisation called The Tigers of the Gulf and another called Islamic Movement for Change - both claimed re-

A team of U.S. investigators arrived in the kingdom on Tuesday evening to help culprits.
Iraqi TV, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) on Tuesday, reported that a new group has claimed responsibility for

The Combatant Partisans of God organisation, or Munazzamat Ansar Allah Al Muqatilah, vowed the attack marked the beginning of activities which would not end until all U.S. forces left Saudi

Monday's explosion in

Arabia, the television said. Diplomats said the blast -more typical for volatile Middle East centres elsewhere rather than the secretive kingdom — had heightened discrepancies between the lifestyle of families of West-

ern executives and ordinary Within their walled compounds, the 30,000 Americans who have taken temporary residence in the home of two of Islam's holiest

shrines can live a relaxed,

active life similar to what

story. Bearded voluntary religious police known as "mut-

tawa" glare at foreigners and make sure shops close five times a day for prayers. Any female who does not envelope herself in a flowing black cloak is suspect and risks being violently pursued.

There is a wide gap be-tween liberal, Western-educated Saudis and more traditional citizens who formed the backbone of an anti-government backlash sparked by Saudi Arabia's decision to host thousands of American troops during the Gulf war.

However, many Saudis have voiced revulsion at the explosion. "This is an unbelievable

thing to happen - I am sure most Saudis feel this way," said Mohammad Ali, a 45year-old off-duty police offic-er examining the blast debris. About five million of Saudi Arabia's 17 million popula-

Sudan says troops moving on Uganda

advancing on neighbouring Uganda, Lieutenant General Omar Al Bashir said Wednesday, renewing threats against the Kampala government for alleged support for Sudanese rebels.
"We declare to (Ugandan

President Yoweri) Museveni and to all of his aides and those who pressed him that we are quite prepared not only to liberate our land, but also prepared to repay the visit to those who visited us," Gen. Bashir said in a speech broadcast on state-run radio. "Our armies have now be-

gun moving towards the Ugandan border... They are advancing at a steady pace guarded by the eye of Allah (God) and pushed and helped by the angels, destroying fortifications of the rebellion one after another."

At the weekend, the Al Engaz Al Watani daily claimed that Ugandan and Eritrean forces had partici-pated in attacks alongside the southern rebel Sudan Peo-ple's Liberation Army (SPLA), but said government forces had "destroyed 70 per cent of the Ugandan forces. paralysed their movement and driven them out of the

battle completely."
The daily said government troops held prisoners from the Ugandan Fourth Division and tank crews from Eritrea.

SPLA leader Colonel John Garang counterclaimed that his rebels, at war with successive regimes in Khartoum for more than a decade, were closing in on the south Sudanese regional capital,

He denied charges that Ugandan or Tanzanian troops fought alongside SPLA soldiers or that the rebels were backed by either Eritrea or Ethiopia.

Mr. Museveni praised the
SPLA last week for fighting

Ugandan rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army, who Kampala alleges are based in Sudan and backed by Khar-

Gen. Bashir stated that the advance of government

KHARTOUM (AFP) — troops "will not stop until Khartoum's troops are every part of our land is purged from the dirt of the outlaws (rebels)" and threatened to deal a "blow to Museveni to make him feel sorry for the rash act to which he was driven."

Kampala broke off dia plomatic ties with Khartoun in April, amid mutual allegations of backing for the other country's rebels. The SPLAS has been fighting since 1983 to free mainly Christian and animist southern Sudan from domination by the Islamic

Kampala meanwhile strongly denied that its forces were on Sudanese soil and dismissed Khartoum's claims to have captured Ugandar soldiers inside Sudan and mere propaganda."

Ugandan Foreign Ministr spokesman Louis Balind said there was "no Ugandan" soldier on Sudanese soil. Khartoum was just finding scapegoats to its internal

"We cannot rule out that they have captured Ugandans there because many have been living in the Sudan, like Amin's former foreign minister Juma Oris and Joseph Kony, the leader of Uganda's rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)," he said.

"Maybe the Sudanese government is turning against them now, and claiming that it has captured Ugandans.". Balinda told AFP.

Asked what preparations Uganda was making to counter threatened attacks by Sudan, Mr. Balinda said: Let's wait until we reach the bridge to cross it, but anyway, this is not the first time that Sudan has made such allegations and threats. This is mere propaganda.

Last week President Museveni vowed Uganda would defend itself if attacked by Sudan.

Uganda charges Sudan with supporting the LRA rebels fighting to overthrow Mr. Museveni's regime and replace it with a government that would strictly observe the Biblical "Ten Command-

Rabat council defends plebiscite preparation

PARIS (R) - Human rights requirements in helping to dvisers to the king of Morocco on Tuesday denied allegations that Rabat was trying to rig a United Nations referendum on disputed Western Sahara.

Speaking at a news conference in Paris, they complained instead about restructions on freedom of movement imposed in the territory by the United Nations' voter registration programme.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) has accused Morocco of manipulating the preparations for the referendum, which would allow residents of the territory — called Sahrawis — to choose between independence and integration with Могоссо.

An HRW report sent to the United Nations in September accused Moroccan security forces of routinely preventing Sahrawis from going to voter registration centres or complaining to U.N. officials.

The denial came from members of Morocco's Advisory Council on Human Rights, which conducts investigations and advises King Hassan on the subject. They said Morocco was

complying strictly with U.N.

compile lists of eligible ters.

Sahrawis, they argued, were streaming out of the territory and into Morocco to evade restrictions on their movements imposed by the voter registration program-

"The Sahrawi (Western Sahara) has become a camp where people are absolutely forbidden to move about, said Al Khyari Thami, who is also vice-president of Morocco's parliament.

The resulting refugees "have created a big problem for us at this time," he added. The United Nations is overseeing preparations for the vote under a 1991 ceasefire ending nearly 20 years of fighting between Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, which wants

independence.

The referendum has been repeatedly delayed by disputes over who is eligible to vote. A poll date has still not been set.

The Moroccan delegation was in Paris to consult other rights groups and official said it next planned to hear to Washington to visit HRY

Saudi press: Blast does not imply weak security

PARIS (R) - France said on Algeria won independence Tuesday it would review dual from France in 1962. citizenship rules for people of French and Algerian nationality after chaotic scenes during voting for at the weekend to vote in Algeria's presidential election in France. "The situation merits reex-

nationality for Algerians

amination." Justice Minister Dozens fainted or were Jacques Toubon told parliahurt in the crush, and queues ment, saying the current rules could be viewed as "abnormal and... contrary to all good sense." He was responding to a questioner from Prime Minis-

ter Alain Juppe's party, the conservative Rally for the Republic (RPR), who accused bi-nationals of taking advantage of the best aspectsof France without having full Mr. Toubon invited parlia-

mentarians from the government and the opposition to discuss possible reforms with experts from the justice ministry and the interior ministry beginning this week.

JORDAN TIMES 684311/699634

Tens of thousands of Algerian immigrants in France crammed Algerian consulates tion, ignoring Algerian opposition calls for a boycott.

lasted hours. The election is to be held in Algeria on Thursday. A total of 620,000 Algerian immigrants live in France, many of them with dual nationality. "I think it is good to respect principles, that's the

honour of our democracy... but I think that we must know what we want French society and the national community to be," Mr. Toubon

Wednesday and Thursday.

DUBAI (R) — Saudi news-papers on Wednesday recal-

gas attacks in Tokyo and the recent assassination of Israeli

The final two days for sons," said the daily Al

Algerians living in France to cast their ballots in the presidential elections were and Israel and stressed security was not to blame for Monday's Riyadh explosion in which six people, five of

them Americans, were killed. They cited the 1993 New York World Trade Centre blast in which six people were killed and more than 1,000 hurt, the bombing of a federal building Oklahoma in which 166 people died, bomb attacks in Paris. deadly nerve

Prime Minister Yitzhak "Nobody has asked these governments why they did not double their protection on installations targetted by terrorists. Terrorism has no specific timing or special sea-

Riyadh. "Terrorism takes place where it is most unlikely." it

The Riyadh said: "Terrorism sometimes takes place in one territory as a kind of vexation or the settling of account with another terri-It was not clear from the

editorial however, whether the newspaper was suggesting the planner of the blast had chosen Saudi soil for settling an account that did not necessarily involve the kingdom. The blast ripped through a U.S.-run military training

centre in Riyadh. Al Fajr newspaper of the United Arab Emirates said more attention should be focused on what it called possible "ill-intentions being

hatched for the region." The incident came at a time as if to divert attention from Israeli divisions over peace moves by opening the door for international interventions justifying themselves by protecting global strategic interests."

Saudi newspaper Al-Yom said: "This unprecedented incident had no reflection on the kingdom's stability, security and safety" and that it would not go unpunished.

Newspapers also sought to allay fears of five million foreigners in the oil-rich Kingdom. Al Jazira's columnist

Mohammad Ben Abbas said: "Arab, Muslim and other expatriates, making up 23 per cent of the population of Saudi Arabia, will raise up to the level of understanding any phenomenon regardless of how negative it is when it affects their security, aims at their stability in this society."

Another UAE daily. English-language Gulf News. defended the presence of U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia "seen by some extremists as unnecessary. whereas these expatriates are performing an important service to the country."

Bahrain's Al Ayam described the blast as "a shameful act of sabotage" and called for adoption of a Gulf Arab strategy to confront the risk of terrorism and extrem-

"The collective security of the Gulf Cooperation Coun-

6442816

845845

Kladidi Matemity 1 Anin

Akdeh Materinty J. Amn

Jabal Annuan Maleemys

Mallas J Annian Mallas J Annian Palestine, Shinersan Shinersan Hospital Al-Miasher Hospital Al-Miasher Hospital Al-Abli, Abdali Libert J Malainer

Amal Dospital

Special Surgery

the Small (ospital

Princes Risma Hospital Ores Collindo Hospital for Al Salees Hospital

Princes Hava Hospital

IRKÜ):

Halian, M-Muhapteen 777 [0] 3 Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafich 775 [1] 26 Amiy 2Marka 8016 [1] 18 Queen Alia Hospital 602 240 50

The Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery 865100

Zarga Cost Hospital (1919/83/23 Zarga National Hospital (09)900560

Alllikma Moken Hospital (1997/2007)

achieved through the adoption of a comprehensive and unified strategy," it said. GCC members are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait.

Qatar, Oman and the UAE.

admitted for the first time the

An official newspaper

cil (GCC) states will only be

bombing could have been carried out by a "stray" Saudi "The march towards peace and (economic) growth will not be stopped by storms stirred up by cowards because they are nothing but a tiny minority without any importunce in society," the Al

"Thank God that the forces of good form the solid base of our country, while the forces of evil are an exception which will never succeed in diverting us from the march toward peace or shake our country," it added. Al Bilad invited the Saudis

Bilad newspaper said.

"to act as watchful policemen against the cowardly attempts by a stray minority who will not escape prosecution.

Royal Jordanian (RJ)

Singapore, Knala Lumpur (RJ)

17:15 New York, Amsterdam (RJ)

Casablanca, Tunis (R3)

Bartekok, Calentia (RJ) Al'Am, Abu Dhabi (RJ)

· · · · · · Larnaca (KU)

Sanaa (RI) Agaba (RI)

ARRIVALS

Flights (Terminal 1)

07;20 09:04 09:28

			
 ₹		13:10 .	 [51.

01:25	- Amsterdan	η
DEPAR Royal J Flights (Termin	ordanian (RJ)	

Berryt (RI
Authoriti
\ L
Ahu Dhahi, Al-Ain (RJ
America Langer
. Amsterdam, Chicago (RJ
D.,, 19.9
Paris (R)
Pars (R) London (R)
Athens (R)
Larnaça (R)
Larraca (RJ
Delhi, Kuala Lumpur (RJ
Ksheum Dak
Rahram, Doha (RJ
- mini Benia (K)
Delhi, Kuala Lumpur (RJ
Dean, Name Camput (R)
···· Caro (R)
1
Jaratia (K)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

Other Flights (Terminal 2) Beirut, London (BA) ... Berrut (ME) Abu Dhabi, Al 'Ain, Muscai (GF) Algiers (A11)
Riyadh (SV)
Dubar (EK)

HUAZ RAILWAY TRAIN

MARKET PRICES

Upper lower price in fils per kg.

Banana (Mukammar) 620 Cabbage 1607 UR Cabbage Carron Caufflower Cucumbers (large) 16(1)10 Cucumhers (small) 360 / 300 /

Marrow (large) Marrow (small) Spinach Spinach String Beans Asi: 500 Tangerine Type30

JORDAN TELEVISION

loyalty

PROGRAMME TWO 13:00 Iris — The Happy Professor 13:20 . . . Fireman Sam ... My Secret Identity 13:30 My Secret Identity 14:00 The New Leave It to Beaver Feature film: "The Last Fling" Varieties — Celin Qui Chante 9:00 — News in French 9:15 — Magazine — Archimede 9:30 — News Headlines The Album Show The Royal Variety Programme 21:10 - On the Banks of Jordan Feature film - Goddess of

Tel: 773111-19

23:50 . . The Phoen Binds **PRAYER TIMES**

04:40				Haj
18 00				(Sunrise) Duh
11:20				. Dhuh
14:15				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
16:40				Maghret
18:00				Ish.
	C	HU	RC	HES

St. Mary of Nazareth Church Sweifieb, Tel. 810740 Assemblies of God Church, Tel-632788

St. Joseph Church Tel 624590 Church of the Annunciation Te be la Salle Church Tel 661757 Terrasancta Church Tel, 622366 Church of the Annunciation Tel, 623541. Anglican Church Tel 652826. Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331

St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751. Amman International Church Tel 182526. Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel:

German-speaking F. angelical Coneregation Tel: 845457 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Suints Tel: 653032 Church of Nazarene Tel 675691 The Evangelical Local Church in

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Depart-ment of Meteorology

Moderate and sunny weather conditions will present with temper-atures rising slightly and winds withbeasterly moderate. Unstable weather conditions are expected on Friday and there will be a chance of scattered showers. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAP

Agaba .

IRBID:

Dr. Ahmad Qano

Al Quds pharmacs

ZARQA: Dr. Randa Shahio

Khalifeh pharmacy

EMERGENCIES

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS **NIGHT DUTY**

Dr. Wisam Hazin ... Fakher Bilbera Dr. Bila) Al Sacoid Fires pharmaics Ferdous pharmacs Al Assma pharmac Nationally pharmacy Al Salam pharmacy WITHI. Succeeding that make neisani pharmacs Nationally diagrams. Name observation

985417

Civil Defence Department (fol11) Civil Defence Introdute Resente Creal Defence Emergency Rescue Police 192, 621111, 637777
Fire Brigade 617101
Blood Bank ... 77512 Highway Police Traffic Police Public Scarns Department 813402 486591 486591 How) Complaints Water and Sewerage Complaints
Aminan Municipalits
Complaints \$17.26 Telephone Information ... 121 070<u>23</u>0 (directors assistance). Overseas Calls
Central Ammon Telephone iop/Ça Repairs Abdah Telephone Repairs fordan Television Radio Jordan Wines Authority

Food Control Centre

Jordan Electricity Authority \$15615 Partine Power ninist. Company 636581 RJ Flight Information . . . 08.53200 Oucen Alia Intl. Airport (IS-53200) **HOSPITALS**

AMMAN: Husein Medical Centre (81813/12)

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT**

(02)2223 (02)2223

. 805547100

.005(341)

Alm Dhabe, Doha (GF) Shariqah (A11)

Rivadh (SV) Dubar(EK) Paris, Damascus (A1) . . Caro (MS)

Olives (green) Onion (dry) Orange . Pepper (sweet) Radish.

niliwisday at 5.30 p.m. he Empire of the Sun " 3aCenter on Thursday : CONCERT & DA "la Folia Quartet" play tags at the Royal Cultu Andsday at 8 (10 p.m.

"নৈব" (with commenta

hit Khalid Khreis at Da

of His Majesty Kin

udanian fema

(MANUT.) — A recent-

ablished study curried

plordanian individu-

showed that remales

a 07 kg overweight

atompared to an ideal

din other countries.

the vounger people

her feet length and

ed than their parents

gradputents, and that

were shorter

Americans, the

isti the German: tailer

zake Japanese, accord-

handy carned out by

2 Vocational Training

്രമ്മാന NTC പ്രവർ

and by the Higher

and for Science and

anology (HCST) and

elahanal Development

ant (IDB). い intended to

eloro manufacturers.

hismessmen, and decisions-

maters the mid-sould

Pincent study

Parat 700 p. m. CELEBRATIO "Moday celebrations psy King Hussein's b Me School. Thursday ann to 4.00 p.m.) I

Amormance by a Pakis

we at the Royal Cultu

Tak (4)

spipers of the Roy Tuesday, Nov. 14,

of our land and the dirt of the dirt of the control of the control

udanese soil ac Chartoum's claur spinted Ugand. nside Sudan paganda paganda Foreign Minstra Louis Baling was "no I learned

ause many har in the Sudan har mer foreign me.
Oris and lose eader of Ugana. rd's Resistaç A)," he said ld AFP.

ir. Balinda Mi ropaganda. veek Preside vowed Ugas end itself if an⊾

charges Suc orting the LR4: ing to oventer veni's regime? with a government d strictly ober al "Ten Comma

fends ation its in helping: its of eligible w

s, they argan ming out of the id into Moroccot rictions on the s imposed by E stration progra-

ahrawi (Wester

is become a car

ple are absolute to move about yari Thami. wher resident of Mon ment. sulting refuge ited a big profit is time," he add nited Nations preparations is nder a 1991 ctar nearly 20 years? etween Moroc Algerian-back ront, which war

erendum has he

delayed by who is eligible all date has still procean delegan ris to consult of sups and office of planned to be gron to visit His iscuss their report

Ameridanikli

ULWAY TRAIS.

Schlam etch Mari 5:htp.m etch Mari 7:38am etch Sadi 5:htp.m etch Sadi ET PRICES

broke off des with Khanoun id mutual allegating for the other spels. The SPL: ghting since 196; nly Christian and thern Sudan from by the Islam. by the Islam la meanwhile nied that its force

was "no Uganda Sudanese se was just finder to its internot rule out u aptured Ugund.

the Sudanese ρ_0 s turning ages and claiming in tured Uganden what preparate is making to ove ened attacks until we reach to cross it. but 🚓 s not the first tree n has made we and threats It than the Japanese, according to a recent study.

The Ministry of Education, who recommended the study, is expected to take into consideration the physical dimensions of Jordanian students between the age groups of 6-9,10-13,14-17, when desks and chairs

The study recommended that the ministry should also take physical education classes seriously as Jordanian girls are traditionally not encouraged to be physically active.

It said that a lack of physical exercise could lead to hypertension and diabetes. On the other hand, the study showed that Jordanian males had "ideal" weight, which is 72.3 kg. The average weight of the Jordanian woman was 58.8 kg, according to the study. The study explained that

adopting British foot measurements which include half sizes. The average height of the adult Jordanian male (18-45 years) is 1711mm. As

The study, which was carried out on 3,438 Jordanians, provided 40 physical measurements for the Jordanian individual, including average weight, overall height, length of arms and legs, foot and head size as compared to other coun-

The random sample represented Jordanians from different age groups, gen-

Naur woman killed over alleged affair

By Rana Hosseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A 22-year-old Naur woman Tuesday was shot and killed by her brother for allegedly having an affair with a man, according to judicial sources.

But subsequent investigations revealed that there was no affair between the victim and another man, the source said.

The source told the Jordan Times Wednesday that Taghrid A, was at her father's house in Al Rawdah suburb at around 7.30

Cairo, said he believes Jor-

dan's election was in recog-

nition of its high standard

building codes which were

submitted to and approved

by the council during its

two-day meeting in Cairo.

SOUTH SHUNEH (Petra)

- Jordan and the Palestine

National Authority (PNA)

Wednesday put into force a

bilateral agreement signed

on Jan. 26 on the exchange

of mail between Jordan and

the self-rule areas of Pales-

A special ceremony was

held on the occasion in

South Shuneh in the Jordan

Valley not far from the

River Jordan, during which

the Minister of Post and

Communications, Jamál Saraireh, recieved a letter

addressed to His Majesty

King Hussein from Pales-

tine President Yasser Arafat

conveying greetings to the monarch on his 60th birth-

The letter was delivered

by Abdul Hafiz Al Asha-

Taghrid was shot once in the back by her brother, Mohammad, 19. The young woman died instantly, the source added.

Mohammad, allegedly used his father's gun to commit the crime, surrendered to authorities immediately following the incident, the source said.

According to the source,

Mohammad killed his sister "because he received information from a friend that his sister had an affair with someone."

"He (the suspect) became angry upon learning of the news and shot his sister without investigating the

story," the source said. Police contacted by the Jordan Times Wednesday confirmed the incident but refused to comment.

Taghrid became the eighth woman reported to have been killed in the Kingdom in a "crime of honour" this year.

Meanwhile, Wednesday apprehended a 30-year-old man on suspicion of shooting and killing his brother-in-law in Sweifieh, confirmed sources

According to the source, Sami K., who was to be wed the same evening, Wednesday, is suspected of

shooting Ashraf Rawhi S., 27, in the back in his studio Sweifieh allegedly because of old fends.

The victim (Ashraf) went to the suspect's store and started to provoke him over old conflicts," the source said.

According to the source, the argument then became heated and the suspect allegedly came from behind the victim and shot him in the back of the head.

The suspect, "who carried a gun at all times" stayed in his shop, called his family and the police, the source said. He was apprehended the same evening and on

"Wednesday morning he confessed and re-enacted the crime," said the source.

The victim, a father of a one-year-old daughter, died instantly as a result of his wounds, the source said.

Meanwhile, judicial sources said that police were still looking for two suspects in connection with the Nov. 12 stabbing of a 20-year-old man in his grocery store in the Third Cir-

"At this time, we have a good description of the assailants but we have not apprehended anyone, " the source told the Jordan

Jordanian females are overweight, says study

Minister of Culture Samir Habashneh (centre) Wednesday opens an exhibition of

photos of His Majesty King Hussein at the University of Jordan as part of the university's celebrations of the King's 60th birthday. Mr. Habashneh was accompa-

nied by university President Fawzi Charaibeh (right)(Petra photo)

AMMAN(J.T.) - A recently published study carried out on Jordanian individuals showed that females were 9.7 kg overweight when compared to an ideal weight in other countries, that the younger people have larger foot length and breadth than their parents and grandparents, and that Jordanians were shorter Americans, the French, the Germans taller

The study, carried out by the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC), and financed by the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) and the Industrial Development Bank (IDB), is intended to manufacturers, businessmen, and decisionmakers, the study said.

"David" (with commentary in Arabic

by Dr. Khalid Khreis at Darat Al Funun

"The Empire of the Sun" at the Amer-

ican Center on Thursday at 5.00 p.m.

CONCERT & DANCE

* "La Folia Quartet" playing baroque classics at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thurdsday at 8.00 p.m.

* Performance by a Pakistani cultural troupe at the Royal Cultural Centre on

CELEBRATIONS

Two-day celebrations marking His

Majesty King Hussein's birthday at the

Jubilee School, Thursday and Friday

(10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) Includes live demonstraations of NHF projects, bas

on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Friday at 7.00 p. m.

are being designed.

young Jordanians have larger foot size because they wear rubber sports shoes, and it recommended

The same of the sa

for women, the average height for the same age group was 1591mm.

der, and professions.

ing, fabric and cloth making on looms,

broom making, rug weaving, pottery making and clinical check-ups, plus

SHORT STORY RECITAL

* Recital of short stories by Oklah Had-dad at the Phoenix Gallery on Thurs-

EXHIBITIONS

* "Pakistani Women of Substance in

paintings and photographs"at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jebel

Weibdeh. Also, single country exhibi-tion of Pakistani products at Al Bassam

U.N. photo exhibition on the occa-

sary, "The U.N. through the eyes of its staff," at Abdul Hameed

Shoman Gallery, Jabal Amman

* Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists

Hall, King Abdallah Gardens.

sion of the U.N.'s 50th anniver

other activities.

day at 6.00 p.m.

through Nov.23.

at Orfali Art Gallery.

housing council panel

Postal services start

between Jordan, PNA

Jordan elected to Arab

CAIRO (Petra) — Jordan has been elected to the The council endorsed a Executive Bureau of the draft pan-Arab declaration on sustainable development Arab Ministers of Housing Council for a two-year for habitat and called on term, according to Minister Arab countries to take part of Public Works and Housin a UN-sponsored habitat meeting to be held in New ing Abdul Razzak Ensour. Mr. Ensour, who attended York in February and another to be held in the Housing meeting in

Turkey in June of 1996. It also approved a number of measures to be taken by Arab states in celebrating the Arab housing day in October of 1996.

The ministers studied a Dr. Ensour said that Jorreport prepared by the UN dan is preparing building Centre for Population codes to serve as unifed Activities and the Economsystems for the Arab World. ic and Social Commission Jordan is currently implefor Western Asia on national housing policies. The ministers voiced their countries pledge to back menting technical work required for the second phase of the Arab building the Palestine National codes, and the Arab ministers' council has already Authority in carrying out a adopted the first set of these housing project and infrastructure schemes in the codes to be used by the Arab states, the minister self-rule areas of Palestine.

hab, the PNA minister of

post and communications,

At the same time a letter

addressed to the self-rule

areas from the Kingdom

was conveyed to the Pales-

Addressing the ceremony,

Mr. Saraireh said that the

exchange was in imple-

mentation of the bilateral

agreement enforced after

Palestinians took control of

the postal services in the

West Bank and the Gaza

Jordan and the PNA have

now agreed to regularly

exchange mail directly

between them across the

King Hussein Bridge, the

to Mr. Saraireh .

tinian side.

Strip.

Students Wednesday march through the University of Jordan campus in marking the 60th birthday of His Majesty King Hussein which fell on Nov. 14. Classes were closed Tuesday as the government declared that day a national holiday (Petra photo)

Mayor opens 2 public libraries in Amman

Ashrafieh consists of three

halls for children's activi-

ties and for teaching music.

periodicals all dealing with

children's literature while

that in the Yarmouk district

library has \$,000 books on

According to Mohammad

Kafawin, director of the

It holds 18,000 books and

AMMAN (Petra) Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi Wednesday opened two public libraries, one at Al Ashrafieh and another in the Yarmouk district, in the eastern outskirts of Amman, as part of the municipality's celebrations of His Majesty King Hus-

sein's 60th birthday. The mayor toured the library sections and promised the municipality will open more public libraries around the country in a bid to give impetus to the cultural movement in

the capital. The library at Al

municipality's libraries division, the two new

libraries have raised to 16 the number of public libraries existing within the Amman area, which together hold 275.000 books. Mr. Kafawin said that the

various subjects.

public library at Yarmouk

has a total area of 1,500 square metres and serves 170,000 residents of the Yarmouk district, considered among the most densely populated areas of Amman, with 38 schools

for 40,000 students. meanwhile, celeorations on the King's birthday continued in several regions including a large campus march by students of the University of Jordan, and rallies in Irbid and Balqa

governorates. Various public and private organisations, scouts and girl guides took part in

Court sets Nov. 29 for decision on trial venue

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The State Security Court will decide on Nov. 29 whether to try two Jordanians involved in an anack on a French diplomat in Jordan in February or to transfer the case to the

Criminal Court. During a court session on Presiding Wednesday, Judge Hafez Amin decided to postpone the case to allow the court more time to review both the attorney's and the prosecutor general's arguments concerning the court's jurisdic-

Prosecutor General Major Mahmoud Obeidat asked the court last October to try the case in two separate COURTS.

The State Security, he argued should try the defendants for sabotage, and the Criminal Court must try them for attempted murder since "criminal acts are not considered within the State Court's jurisdic-

Salem Abdullah Jaradat and Ahmad Qassem, both 22, are charged with shooting and wounding a French diplomat last February in

Wadi Mujib area. However, the formal charges against the two include "plotting to carry out extremist attacks, possessing illegal arms and explosives, and manufacturing hand-made explo-

On the occasion of the 60th Birthday of His Majesty King Hussein

Under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein

The Ministry of Culture and

The National Music Conservatory/Noor Al Hussein Foundation

WIESBADEN BKA CHOIR

and renowned star Benny Maro

Saturday

Main Theatre

18 November 1995 - 8:00 p.m. The Royal Cultural Centre -

Tickets available at:

- Alahlia Abela Superstore, tel. 688481 - Babiche, tel. 661322

- Champions Sports Wear, tel. 861065

- Freddy For Music, tel. 692696

- Music Box, tel. 815745

- Romero, tel. 644227 - Royal Cultural Centre, tel. 661026

- National Music Conservatory, tel. 687620



Two bagpipers of the Royal Jordanian Armed Forces Band play national songs along the beachfront in Aqaba as tourists bask in the autumn sun on Tuesday, Nov. 14, His Majesty's birthday (AFP photo)

Former S. Korean President grilled again; faces arrest

SEOUL (R) - South Korea's disgraced ex-President Roh Tae-Woo Wednesday was grilled by state prosecutors for the second time over his \$654 million slush funds and media reports said his arrest was immi-

State television said Mr. Roh was likely to be arrested in the early hours of Thursday morning after an extended interrogation over his illicit fortune.

The domestic Yonhap News Agency quoted unnamed prosecutors as saying Mr. Roh faced bribery charges, which would make him the first South Korean head of state, serving or retired, to face criminal action.

A prosecution official said he could not confirm the news reports, but added. "Since this is the second time he is being summoned, you can't rule out the possibility of his arrest".

In a surprise move, Mr. Roh was abruptly summoned by prosecutors one day after threatening to spill the beans on who he paid money to during 1992 presidential elections won by

Mr. Kim Young-Sam. Opposition politicians immediately claimed Mr. Roh was being hauled in to silence him. Media reports had suggested Mr. Roh would be called for questioning later this week.

Mr. Rob arrived at the prosecutor general's office at mid-afternoon Thursday in a black limousine looking relaxed and wearing a slight

He marched through the zevolving doors of the high rise prosecution building in a Seoul suburb with his aides at this side and brushed past a crowd of



Former South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo walks into the prosecutor general's office Wednesday after being summoned for a second time to answer questions on the \$650 million slush fund he has admitted ammassing while in office from 1987 to 1993 (AFP photo)

about 200 reporters at the entrance without saying a

Mr. Roh's top aide Tuesday said the ex-president had threatened to reveal the names of politicians who dipped into his slush money in 1992 if he was resummoned.

The information could be political dynamite since the biggest question surrounding the scandal is whether Mr. Kim took money from Mr. Roh. The president has denied taking "a single cent" but opinion polls show most Korean think he

In a tearful confession last

937.04, partly because of worries about the damage Mr. Rob could inflict on business tycoons if he tells During his last question-

ing Mr. Roh stonewalled. saying he wanted to protect

Opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung has already confessed to accepting several million dollars from Mr. Roh, badly tarnishing his image. His National Congress for New Politics urged Mr. Roh to come clean during his latest

"As an apology to the public for what he did as expresident, he must tell the truth," it said in a statement. Mr. Roh's earlier-thanexpected summons was to 'keep Roh's mouth shut", the statement said.

Mr. Roh "must not bow to threats from the Democratic Liberal Party," it said, referring to President Kim's rul-

ing party.
South Korea's Justice Minister Ahn Woo-Mahn Monday ordered the probe into the bankrolling of the 1992 vote.

Mr. Roh's former chief bodyguard Lee Hyun-Woo, a middleman in helping Mr. Roh build up his slush fund, was also called in for questioning Wednesday for the fifth time.

The head of Sammi Group and vice-chairman of Woosung Construction were also summoned Wednesday.

Prosecutors had also start-Prosecutors have been ed to tighten the case around Mr. Roh's close family and relatives. His Roh's illicit wealth came brother was summoned and, according to news reports, prosecutors were planning to call in his wife and son.

Britain's Prince Charles, who celebrated his 47th birthday Tuesday, discusses with a young student at the International School in Potsdam, Germany, his school autumn project during a visit to Schliss Cecilienhof. Meanwhile in England it was revealed that Prince Charles' estranged wife Princess Diana is to appear in a solo TV interview for the first time to give her version of events that broke down their marriage (AFP

Diana causes furore over TV show

LONDON (R) - Buckingham Palace's fury at a television interview in which Princess Diana is expected to disclose secrets of her marriage break-up with Prince Charles grabbed front-page headlines Wed-

nesdav. The hour-long interview, filmed in secret and due to be screened by the BBC Monday, was widely seen as an act of revenge on her estranged husband, the heir to the British throne, who admitted 18 months ago he

had been unfaithful to her. With tabloids such as the Daily Mirror asking whether Princess Diana had gone mad, more seriousminded newspapers such as the Guardian and the Independent, which traditionally shuns stories on the royals, gave it front-page

treatment. Focusing on how Princess Diana broke protocol by arranging the interview without consulting Buckingham Palace, the Daily Telegraph headlined its editorial Behind the

Queen's Back. Buckingham Palace's rage the highly flammable House of Windsor with her no-holds-barred interview.

front page.

The Mirror even accused Princess Diana of verging on treason, which is still punishable by death in

Britain. "Deceitful and underhand?" asked the Daily Mail. "Charles's friends hit back bitterly after the princess stages her extraordinary secret TV interview coup. In short, Britain could talk

of nothing else but the secrets Princess Diana was likely to reveal in the programme toped at apartments in Kensington Palace.

Prince Charles himself spoke openly about his troubled life in his television documentary last year, a risky bid to win public approval in which he admitted committing adultery once his marriage failed.

News of Princess Diana's interview, conducted in highly controversial fashion without Buckingham Palace consent, was released with calculated timing Tuesday as Prince Charles celebrated his 47th birthday.

The timing appeared to prove her desire to hit back at the balding, middle-aged man who friends say has made her life a misery.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana have broken many royal rules since their The Sun reported on fairytale wedding, seen around the world, shrivelled as the glamorous princess into a loveless marriage that ignited "Di-namite" under officially broke up in late

1992. Much is at stake for 34year-old Diana, who is Royal Family At War, increasingly portrayed as a Today announced on its flighty young woman while increasingly portrayed as a Prince Charles has chiselled out a life as a serious, if quirky, king-in-waiting.

The two now keep separate courts, even though they come together occa-sionally for the sake of their

The BBC said the interview with Panorama, a respected current affairs show, would delve into all the murky corners of her

life "including her family, her separation and her future plans". It is expected to draw millions of viewers. The queen, for one. will not be watching, said the

palace.

Despite stringent security at the BBC, the Sun said it had learnt of the programme's contents and that Princess Diana would answer many of the royal watchers' burning ques-

"I am not desperate or pushing for a divorce," the Sun quoted Princess Diana as saying in the interview. Both royals have been

linked with other partners - Princess Diana has forged a string of friendships with married men while Prince Charles has been tied to old flame Camilla Parker Bewles but nobody knows if the couple plan to formalise their separation.

As for herself, Princess Diana is quoted as saying her controversial friendship with England rugby union "innocent" despite claims it killed his marriage.

"I have never been stronger." Princess Diana reportedly says as commentators avidly await the spec-tacle of the fetching princess using words rather than pictures to sell her side of the story.

Dirk Hasert and American

Don Hutchings were taken

hostage in July while on

Himalayan trekking holi-

Cyprus pensioner behind bars over

NICOSIA (R) - A Cypriot who tried to stop a pension-er stealing fruit from a carob tree was hit over the head by the thief .with a crowbar and then, after staggering to a nearby motorway, was struck by a car, police said. The 27year-old victim is in critical condition with head injuries. His ordeal started when he found the 70-yearold taking carobs, which are a substitute for chocolate, from his trees and demanded that he stop. The older man hit him with an iron bar and, when he tried to call police on a mobile telephone, hit him again. Reaching the motorway, the victim was struck by a passing car. The pensioner is in custody on suspicion

Children's character Noddy up for sale in

LONDON (R) — The copyright to the works of children's author Enid Blyton, creator of the characters Noddy and Big Ears, was put up for sale, with pundits expecting it to fetch a multi-million dollar figure. Accountants price waterhouse said it invited offers for Darrell Waters Ltd, which owns the copyright, and whose major shareholders are descendants of the British author. It said a number of major media companies had

Finant kilometter: Actress-model Anna Nicole Smith was released
from hospital Sunday after
from hospital Sunday after
from hospital Sunday after
and dinger complications a weak of treatment for an adverse reaction to left to because of the medication, a 14.5 medication of the state of the a wear of adverse reaction while the said Monday. I have because of the unspecified medication, a (4.5 helps) docking one

6 more Russians

MOSCOW (AFP) — Chechen separatists have killed six Russian soldiers and near the southwestern vilwounded nine in Chechen- lages of Alkhan Yurt, Russian military command in the breakaway Caucasus republic said Wednesday.

The command, cited by ITAR-TASS news agency. said two Russian soldiers and a policeman were killed in a grenade attack Tuesday near Alkhan Yurt, some 12 kilometres southwest of the Chechen capital Grozny. Six soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Chechen separatists also killed two Russian transport policemen at a railway station in Gudermes, 35 kilometres east of Grozny, the

CANBERRA (R) — Canadian Prime Minis-

ter Jean Chretien, bat-

tling an ongoing seces-

sionist movement in Quebec province, said

Wednesday he did not

want to open another trouble front by pushing

"I have other problems

at this moment." Mr.

Chretien said after talks

with Australian Prime

Minister Paul Keating,

who wants Australia to

become a republic by

"I have to deal with

problems in Quebec.

with those who want to

separate. I don't want to

have the monarchists on

my back, too." Mr.

Voters in French-speaking Quebec last

month narrowly voted

against seceeding from

Canada, by the wafer-thin margin of 50.56 per

Mr. Chretien said he

had closely followed

Australia's republican

debate. Australia and

Canada, both members

of the British Common-

wealth, have parliamen-

tary systems but retain

Britain's Queen Eliza-

"The monarchy is not a

beth as head of state.

Chretien said.

for a republic.

command said. Fighting was most intense

and Gekhi, ITAR-TASS reported. adding that Russian troops also came under fire in Grozny.

Officials loyal to Chechen independence leader Dzhokhar Dudayev said earlier that Russian forces killed two Chechen civilians and wounded three others in the rebel-held villages Achkhoi-Martan, Orekhovo and Stary Ach-

khoi Tuesday. The sources, cited by Interfax News Agency, said Russian artillery forces had opened fire 49 times in the

Canada premier is not keen for

nation to become a republic

problem in Canada at

this moment, we have

other problems to debate," Mr. Chretien

reporters Australia's

move towards becoming

a republic was important

for its push for a larger

role in Asia and

stemmed from a chang-

ing society as an

increasing number of

immigrants came from

"In the culture of the

new Australia, an identi-

ty and a sense of identi-

ty, an independence of

identity, has emerged here quite strongly." Mr.

"We live near very large and old societies

which are different from

such

approach them and to be

a member of the com-

munity nations in this

direct part of the world, I

don't think we can be

there as some sort of

constitutional derivative

Wednesday refused to

comment on allegations

Canada had spied on

friendly countries, but

Chretien

said the country's spy leaders forum in the agencies must obey the Japanese city of Osaka.

Asian countries.

Keating said.

Indonesia...and

of Britain."

Keating told

said.

Mr.

past 24 hours.

The villages of Dargo and Benoi in the southeastern district of Vedeno also came inger fire, me officials s adding that Russian helicopter gunships carried out four attacks in the Achkhoi-Martan and Shali areas.

month, Mr. Roh, 62, con-

fessed to plundering \$654

million from business

groups for a political war

chest during his 1988-93

Since his first summons

this month heads of more

than 30 business conglo-

marates have been ques-

tioned and prosecutors say

they have evidence some of

them gave bribes to Mr.

Roh, setting the stage for his

quoted as saying they now

know where most of Mr.

from but are still trying to

The Seoul Stock Index

criminal prosecution.

track down the rest.

term in office.

There was no independent confirmation of the casualty figures. A demilitarisation accord signed on July 30 has been frequently violated by both sides.

Around 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed since December, Russian troops when launched an air and ground blitz against Chechen independence fighters.

law.
"I make no comment about it," he told reporters after meeting

Mr. Chretien said he

was not briefed on the

daily operations of

Canada's spy agencies but added: "They have

A former spy with Canada's electronic

espionage agency, the

Communications

Security Establishment

(CSE), said in a televi-

sion interview Sunday

that Canada had spied

on friendly countries. including Mexico. Japan

CSE specialises in electronic espionage.

monitoring radio and

Mexico and Japan

have reportedly lodged

official protests with

Asked how he would

respond, Mr. Chretien

said: "I don't know if it's

true or not true, that's

Mr. Chretien is due to

Thursday for the Asia-

Cooperation (APEC)

leaders forum in the

Australian

Economic

what I will tell them."

other transmissions.

Canada.

leave

Pacific

and South Korea.

to act within the law".

Mr. Keating.

Gunman kills **Taiwanese** politician

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - A gunman shot and killed a Taiwanese politician Wednesday, sparking fears of social disorder ahead of legislative elections in December.

Police said an unidentified man fired five shots at Wu Ho-Sung, the speaker of the Kaohsiung County Council in southern Taiwan, as he returned to his car after attending a friend's funeral.

Mr. Wu, 43, was shot in the chest and head, possibly with a pistol, and was pronounced dead in a nearby hospital, police said.

Wang Chun-Sheng, a Kaohsiung police chief. said there was no evidence linking the murder to the upcoming election. But Taiwan television station said there was widespread speculation that the killing was politically motivated.

Mr. Wn wielded great influence in Kaohsiung politics and had campaigned for ruling Nationalist Party candidates contesting the Dec. 2 election.

The suspected gunman fled in a car and police were questioning Mr. Wu's colleagues and relatives for clues to his identity. Mr. Wu, a Nationalist.

was the first local councillor to be killed so close to an election. He was first elected to the

council in 1982 and became speaker in 1994 after four years as vice speaker.

Interior Minister Huang Kun-Huei said last week that police would step up security measures for the election. Some Taiwanese politi-

cians are suspected of having links with organised criminal gaugs who mobilise voters and financial support. The government has urged voters not to back candidates suspected of having links with

2 Kashmir hostages are sick — captors

"It (the government) is

SRINAGAR, India (R) — "It (the government) is Two of four Western still bent upon delaying the hostages being held captive by Al-Faran guerrillas since early July in India's troubled state of Jammu and Kashmir are sick and one of them is struggling for life, the captors said.

A handwritten statement given to newspapers in Srinagar, summer capital of the state, similar in style and writing to earlier ones also delivered to the media. said the Indian government would be responsible if any of the sick bostages die.

"Two of the four hostages in custody have been sick for the last two weeks. One of them is struggling for life although we offered substantive talks on this to the (Indian) government," the statement in Urdu language said of talks resumed last

matter," the statement said. "Al Faran wants to make it clear that if one of them dies, the government will be solely responsible." It did not identify the sick. Indian officials said they resumed contact Monday with Al- Faran by radio and

telephone. Talks were resumed the previous Monday after a 52-day gap. A state government spokesman said if the hostages were sick, it was the moral responsibility of

Al-Faran to free them. "We have offered them medical help anywhere, anytime," he said. "We appeal to the captors

to see reason and release them on humanitarian basis," he told Reuters. Britons Paul Wells and Keith Mangan, German

days. A fifth, Norwegian Hans Christian Ostroe, was found beheaded on Aug. 13. Lying beside his body was a note that threatened to kill the other hostages if India did not meet Al-Faran's demands within two days. But the deadline, as well as

apparent harm to the cap-Al-Faran, one of several guerrilla groups waging a separatist war in mainly Hindu India's only Muslim majority state, wants India to release some 15 jailed

others, passed with no

colleagues, including some foreigners.
India says it can free

Kashmiri prisoners as part of a routine review of status but not foreigners.

Chinese dissident to settle in Taiwan

TAIPEI (AFP) — Authorities bere Wednesday approved an application by a former pro-democracy supporter in China to settle in Taiwan, a move expected to further sour relations with the mainland.

Lu Guangwu, 47, a former chief justice of a district court in Guiyang in the Chinese province of Guizhou, will be allowed to live in Taiwan, said Kao Koong-Lian, vice chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council, the island's top mainland policy planning body.

"After checking, we have verified his status, and found his application to settle here meets our requirements," Mr. Kao said, adding they permitted Mr.

Lu to settle here because he faces political persecution on the mainland.

Mr. Lu had raised funds to support pro-democracy dissidents in China around the time of the massacre of prodemocracy demonstrators by Chinese troops in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, Mr. Kao said.

He also helped organise a pro-democracy group and founded a magazine to promote human rights and freedom, Mr. Kao noted. Mr. Kao. however, did not

say whether Mr. Lu had been wanted in China, or whether he had already sneaked out of China and applied to settle here from overseas.

The move is expected to

further irritate China whose relations with Taiwan have dropped to their lowest level since the June visit to the United States by Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui.

Beijing, which considers Taiwan a rebel province, has seen that trip as an attempt to promote Taiwan's independence. It has retaliated by suspending high-level, semi-official talks with China and conducting two rounds of missile tests near the island.

Taiwan and China separated after the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949, but Beijing has repeatedly warned that it will invade Taiwan should the island declare independence.

Osaka offers 'APEC specials' but beware pitfalls

OSAKA, Japan (R) -APEC-mania has even spread to Osaka's entertainment district. When the serious business of negotiating Asia-Pacific free trade is over each day, delegates to this year's annual gathering of the APEC forum in Osaka need only walk 10 minutes to a neonlit collection of restaurants bars, massage houses and pinball parlours to unwind However, there are some traps for the unwary. One massage house proudly displayed a sign outside reading "one dollar for 40 minutes". The catch is when the time comes to pay the bill. Foreign currency is not accepted and the house exchange rate is 10,000 Yen to the dollar compared with the dollar's real value at present of around 100 Yen.

Chinese student offered free plastic surgery

ME CAMPAICA A. V.

lang Ng-Luciu (ne)

350 - 70 - 50

Rimeri ber in Zen nden in der in Ber

a point and the Artist Arts

and parsecure in

High Communication

de neure Ringee probas

with the latest

morealing:

d oan connais

said in 2 returns

number of people

da leiuges

6 displaced person

свет воте ссия

knows country with the country with the

in 1903

number of inter-

dantis, N

FLENDE Houses

Astronauts guided Allanus to the arrange Market Market Resident Market Resident Resi

tocked executive executives

foods from the rep

Real Land

e Vijer za kuzi i i i

THE STEEL SECTION

36 30----

SHANGHAI (R) - A Chinese student who was nearly deprived of a higher education because of his ugly face has been offered free plastic surgery by a Shanghai clinic, the Wen Hui Bao daily reported Yang Hongwei achieved high grades in a university entrance examination this year but was repeatedly refused admittance to colleges because his face was ill-proportioned and looked weird Lanzhou University in northwest China finally accepted him after widespread media coverage of his dilemma. The Wen Hui Bao said the Shanghai clinic had offered him free surgery to help him overcome his inferiority complex and psychological distress caused by his ugliness, the paper said.

fruit row

of attempted murder.

Britain

already expressed an inter-est in acquiring it.

Actress-model released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AFP) adverse unspecified medication, discharge of the unspecified medication, discharge of the publicist said Monday. I in the publicist said Monday. Before going home, the treating for the publicist added, Ms. Smith the Communication of the convalencing at a metron pulled with the convalence of the public treating pulled with the convalence of the convalen publicist added, Ms. Smunipublicist added, M

leprived of a log.

to help him a

us inferioriy

d psychological

aused by his

IA (R) ed to stop a pere aling fruit for ree was hit ord: y the thief ME ir and then, i ing to a 🎏 /ay, was struck! lice said The d victim is in the on with b :. His ordeal 🏗 e found the 70 f cing carobs, vi ubstitute for de rom his nees ied that he stop

oan hit bim wit r and, when he s police on a mi ne, hit him 🥰 ng the motor. tim was struct! ; car. The pension ustody on susp. npted murder. Children's racter Nodo) for sale in

Britain ON (R) bt to the work n's author E , creator of the Noddy and Big E nt up for sake s expecting in multi-million of Accountants 6 ouse said it in

for Darrell We bich owns the W and whose 1 olders are des of the British 300 a number of ga companies : expressed an is cquiring it. :tress-model

leased from hospital INGTON (AFP) s-model Anna mith was relega ospital Sunday of treatment for

of treation of reaction of rea tunnel junting out of the shuttle cargo bay.

above Earth.

Shuttle Commander Kenneth Cameron pulled within 170 feet (51 metres), then dian astronaut aboard Atlan-

Europe. Africa also has the return of 9 million years,

around Earth at 17,500 mph

(28,000 kph). All the while,

Russian voices could be

Commander Cameron

slowly steered Atlantis up

under Mir, avoiding the sta-

tion's maze of solar panels.

time — 1:27 a.m. est (0627

GMT) - easing the tension

in space and on the ground.

breached the two pres-

surised spacecraft and killed

Chris Hadfield, a Cana-

all eight men aboard.

A collision could have

Docking occurred right on

heard on Mir's radio.

Although the number of 1.7 million.

both spacecraft hurded ballet of concentrated

effort."

the linkup.

conflicts taking place now is about the same as 10 or 15 years ago, the nature of those conflicts -- almost all are internal --- and the scale civilian casualties, destruction and displacement have shifted dramatically," UNHCR said.

The agency said it currently is caring for 27 million people, up from 17 million in 1990. Much of the problem has resulted from the breakup of the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, but Africa has been hard hit as well.

In fact, Africa has 6.7 million refugees, nearly two million more than Asia and five million more than

eted. The total number more internally displaced uprooted has increased six people under UNHCR's care — two million — than any other continent. Asia has 1.8 million and Europe

"The end of the cold war generated a strong sense of optimism about the international refugee situation," the report said. "With the rivalry of the superpowers over, it was thought, many conflicts would be resolved. ... In the event, almost precisely the opposite has hap-

pened." But with the end of the cold war, the world's view of national sovereignty changed, and the United Nations has increasingly been able to help displaced people in their own countries, the report said.

The picture also has brightened since 1990 by

About 50 NASA person-

nel, including astronauts

beaded to Mir next year and

managers of the planned

watched the docking on

huge TV screens at the

On Tuesday, the five

astronauts installed the do-

cking tunnel in Atlantis' car-

go bay, clearing the way for

ing the tunnel from Atlantis

Russian mission control.

Atlantis, Mir dock 392 km above Earth 30 feet (9 metres), of Mir as tis, called the docking "a and positioning it just inch-

> the cargo bay. Wednesday's docking hinged on Commander Cameron, a three-time space flier, Marine and former test international space station, pilot.

es above a docking ring in

Like the first docking by Atlantis in June, this one required perfect timing, perfect speed and perfect alignment. Commander Cameron could not see the end of his docking port while closing in on the sprawling, Mr. Hadfield was the key 120-plus-ton station, howplayer Tuesday, deftly lift- ever, and had to rely on remote camera views, radar with the shuttle robot arm and lasers.

Sri Lanka claims more rebel deaths; puts off polls

COLOMBO (R) — Closing councils, set up to devolve two army divisions making in on the rebel stronghold of power to minority Tamils parallel advances on Jaffna Jaffna, Sri Lanka's army and meet their demands for Wednesday claimed more autonomy, have been heavy Tamil Tiger guerrilla repeatedly postponed due to casualties and the government put off local polls in the Tamil region by up to a

The army said Tamil Tiger intercepted indicated the rebels took a beating in battles with thousands of troops closing in on Jaffna

The Tamil Tigers, fighting since 1983 for a Tamil homeland in the island's north and east in a war that has taken 50,000 lives, claimed they killed several soldiers and damaged an army battle tank in frontal and flank assaults Tuesday.

the presidential secretariat said in a statement Wednesday that provincial council polls in the east scheduled for Thursday had been postponed by a year.

While the fighting raged,

Similiar elections in the northern province, due in February, had been put off till December 1996, it said. Elections for the two

No

candidates

emerge yet

in Haiti

elections

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) -

Supporters of President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide

have become increasingly

insistent that he be allowed

to run for re-election next

month despite a constitu-

rional ban on 1 second

A day before a midnight

Wednesday deadline, Mr.

Aristide's Lavalas Party

had still not named a candi-

date for the Dec. 17 elec-

tion, but whomever Mr.

Aristide names is expected

to win easily. A recent

wave of violent protest has

strengthened popular sup-

At least six people have

been killed since nation-

wide street protests erupted

port for the president.

term.

the presence of the rebels, who control much of the north and are active in the

International guerrilla radio traffic it Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a day after pulling out of beleagured Jaffna City, appealed Wednesday to the government and guerrillas to protect the few civilians left in the rebel stronghold.

> "We are appealing to everyone that if some combat is going to take place, all precautions are taken in order to protect the few civilians left," Gerard Peytrignet, ICRC's head of delegation for Sri Lanka, told Reuters television.

> The government has said it was sending stocks of food, medicine and roofing material for refugees from the fighting — estimated to be between 300,000 and 400,000 - with the help of local and foreign aid agen-

A military spokesman said controls the northern sub-

parallel advances on Jaffna resumed their push at dawn Wednesday.

Rebel casualties, dead and wounded, were expected to be high in Tuesday's fighting as the army advanced against rebel resistance using heavy artillery and tank support, he said.

"(Rebel radio) transmissions monitored indicated that terrorists suffered beavy casualties," he said. Troops were progressing southwards cautiously due to enemy mines and moderate resistance. Terrorists' heavy machine gun and mortar fire delayed the advance for a few hours."

One soldier was killed and 32 were wounded in the action.

The military said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels launched a flank attack with mortars and machine guns from across a shallow lagoon on troops of 51 division, advancing on the eastern axis, to stall the army's advance.

The army, which now

long offensive, captured the LTTE's main political headquarters on the outskirts of the town Monday.

The army's Division, moving on the western flank, captured a large rebel training camp in the suburb of Urumpirai, about five kilometres northeast of Jaffna City.

Travellers from Jaffna said the army Tuesday captured the suburb of Thinnaveli 1.6 kilometres from the town centre.

"The LTTE forces intercepted the Sri Lankan forces at Kondavil and Irupalai (Monday)," an LTTE statement from London said. "In the barde that followed a Sri Lankan battle tank was damaged and several soldiers were killed." Seven rebels died in the action.

The ICRC pulled out of Jaffna Tuesday to Point Pedro, 50 kilometres away. saying Jaffna was about to become a major battleground between the guerrillas and government troops.

Pro-Abacha demonstrations spread in Nigeria

with

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin (left) shakes hands with soldiers of

the Tulskaya Paratrooper Division during his visit to the Tula region. Mr. Chernomyrdin, the leader of Our Home

Grachev: Russia not ready to meet CFE obligations

LAGOS (R) — Demonstrators took to the streets in several Nigerian states in support of the embattled government of military ruler General Sani Abacha, local media reported Wed-

not ready to carry out oblig-

ations under the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe

(CFE) pact with the west

because this would min

Moscow's defence capabili-

ty, Defence Minister Pavel

"We are not ready at pre-

sent to carry out provisions

of the treaty. This especially

Grachev said Wednesday.

nesday. People in northern Nigeria said anti-Western feelings were running high in the government's face-off with the international community over the execution last Friday of nine minority rights activists including writer Ken Saro-Wiwa.

State television said that in Makurdi, central Nigeria, hundreds of people carrying placards marched through the main streets Tuesday chanting slogans against

The independent Guardian newspaper said similar protests, which started in llorin, central Nigeria and Calabar in the southeast Monday, had spread to Kaduna, Niger and Katsina states in the north and Edo state in the mid-west.

There haven't been any ugly incidents but people are saying Britain and America don't like Nigeria and we should retaliate."

GENEVA (AP) - War,

atrocities and persecution

have forced a record 50 mil-

lion people from their

homes around the world,

the U.N. High Commission-

er for Refugees (UNHCR)

world's refugee problem is changing, with displaced

people increasingly staying

in their own countries, the

igency said in a report the

The number of people

classed as refugees - a sta-

tus technically accorded

only to displaced people

outside their home country -

has actually declined to

14.4 million from his peak

UNHCR presented its last

But the number of inter-

nally displaced has skyrock-

SPACE CENTRE, Houston

(AP) — Astronauts guided

sbuttle Atlantis to the

Russian space station Mir

Wednesday, neatly execut-

ing the risky maneuver 245

miles (392 kilometres)

It was the second linkup

of Atlantis and Mir, but was

considered more complicat-

ed - and dangerous -

than the first because of the

15-foot (4.5-metre) docking

early

docked

report in 1993.

18.2 million when

of the World's

But the nature of the

said Wednesday.

Refugees.

said Aminu Abubakar, a

implementation,

Is Rossia party, was campaigning for the parliamentary elections (AFP photo)

MOSCOW (R) — Russia is concerns flank limitations," struggling to find a compro-

"If we carry out the treaty

he told a news conference.

in full, this would complete-

ly rule out the possibility of

maintaining a minimum of

security," Gen. Grachev

The 1990 CFE treaty

faces a Nov. 17 deadline for

school teacher in Kaduna. Nigerian rights groups and many ordinary people have condenmned the hangings. The pro-government demonstrations looked similar to protests organised by Gen. Abacha supporters in the past to show solidarity whenever his administration

of four pro-government Ogoni tribal chiefs.

The mit in Auckland in New Zealand at the time, immediately suspended Nigeria's membership and said it would face expulsion unless it cleaned up its human rights record and released

other political prisoners. Wellington, New

Russia and the West still flanks than the treaty

security.

is in trouble. There has been no easing of pressure on the west African nation since Saro-Wiwa and his associates were hanged after the govemment ratified the death sentence on them by a tribunal for last year's murder

Commonwealth,

Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger and South African President Nelson Mandela Wednesday stepped up the pressure by raising the issue

million from the 44 million

reported in 1993.

of oil sanctions with British

mise on what was initially

regarded as the cornerstone

of post-cold war European

For the past two years

Moscow has pushed for

changes to the treaty

because it wants to deploy

more military hardware on

its northern and southern

Prime Minister John Major. Mr. Mandela told reporters they had contacted Mr. Major by telephone and would try to talk to U.S. President Bill Clinton this weekend to discuss the

"It is easy for us who are not involved in any trade with Nigeria to insist, as I tried to do this morning with John Major, that he is the person who can actually tighten the squeeze around Nigeria by adopting oil sanctions," he said.

Britain exported more than £450 million (about \$700 million) worth of according to British embas-

British High Commissioner to Nigeria Thorold Masefield has been recalled home as have been many other envoys in Lagos. Nigeria has similarly recalled its ambassadors in retaliation.

The government and Nigerian media have also

UNHCR: 50 million forced from homes worldwide

launched blistering attacks on Britain.

oil giant Shell Tuesday rejected calls to shut its huge operations in Nigeria because of the hangings.

NATO

offered

September to go some way

to meet Russia's demands,

exempting some Russian

flank zones in the north and

south from treaty limits. But

Russia wants more conces-

sions, especially on its

southern border in the

volatile Caucasus region.

Shell is the biggest oil company in Nigeria, employing thousands of people and pumping half the country's crude oil output of two million barrels per day, the economy's lifeblood.

"Shell Nigeria remains firmly committed to the long-term future of the country." Brian Anderson, the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria's chief executive told a news conference Tuesday. Mr. Anderson confirmed

that Shell wanted to go goods to Nigeria last year, ahead with a \$4 billion liquefied natural gas project,

Saro-Wiwa and his associates were found guilty of the murder last year of four pro-government Ogoni leaders and were hanged despite worldwide appeals for clemency. The government of Gen.

Abacha, who seized power in a military coup in the 1993, defended the action, saying they were "murder-In a boost to the military ers" not human rights government, Anglo-Dutch activists.

refugees to their homes -

in places like Mozambique,

Central America and

Among the major problem

- The republics of for-

mer Yugoslavia, where 3.7

people have been displaced

or otherwise affected by

- Rwanda and Burundi,

where more than 2 million

refugees are part of the

largest concentration of dis-

placed people in the world.

former Soviet Union,

including Armenia, Azer-

baijan and Georgia, with 1.5

Some 2.5 million Af-

ghan refugees remain in Pakistan and fran even

though 3 million have gone

home during the past three

million people displaced.

- Caucasian states of the

countries it cited are:

Cambodia.

War.

Saturday when Mr. Aristide delivered an angry speech at the funeral of his cousin, slain lawmaker Jean-Hubert Feuille. What began as a citizen's disarmament campaign soon gave way to generalised protests as many Aristide supporters hurled angry threats at any

forward to succeed him. In the provincial city of Gonaives, where four people died in protests, residents took to the streets again Tuesday to demand that U.N. soldiers "go home" for allegedly firing on a crowd of demonstra-

candidate who might come

A U.N. spokesman said peacekeepers fired twice in the air Monday after four people died in rioting. Another 34 people were injured in the melee that left army supporters tied up and a dozen buildings

razed. "We want Aristide forever. If any candidate tries to take Arisitide's place, he will die and there will be a revolution. We have our leader already," said Francky Joseph, 28.

Joseph, who conducted weapons searches at a barricade made of burning tires last weekend, said no candidate - even one endorsed by Aristide would be acceptable. There is no one else who can lead Haiti besides president Aristide," he said.

Haitian law forbids a president from seeking consecutive terms. But many Aristide supporters say he was cheated out of more than half of his fiveyear term by a 1991 military coup that toppled him from power. Mr. Aristide was reinstated one year ago with the help of international military forces.

Nepal authorities call off avalanche rescue despite reports of missing

KATHMANDU (AFP) -Nepalese authorities called off rescue operations Wednesday in the country's worst avalanche disaster in history despite reports that many more were missing. "As of today, all rescue

operations will be stopped but will be resumed if requested by the families of the missing or dead trekkers," said Lieutenant Colonel Bal Bahadur Thapa, head of the rescue opera-

Asked about an Italian Foreign Ministry statement from Rome which said 114 Italians remained missing, Col. Thapa said, "They may have come to Nepal for trekking but we have no record on them so no comment."

A series of weekend avalanches near Mount Everest has left more than 50 people dead by official count, but the unofficial toll from various rescue sources is more

Rescuers Wednesday evacuated an additional 76 people, bringing the total number of people rescued since the weekend to 517, including 238 foreigners.

"We combed the Everest region to the Kanchanjunga foothills in the far northeast and Dhaulagiri main peak areas in the northwest, by air, covering a distance of 600 square kilometres (240 square miles)," Col. Thapa

Georgian warlord held on gun charges

parliamentary immunity drugs in his office. after an election defeat was arrested by police early Wednesday on gun and drug charges, the prosecu-

tor's office said. Dzhaba Ioseliani, whom authorities suspect of involvement in an assassination attempt against Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, was arrested at his country house at 3

A former Shevardnadze ally, Mr. loseliani was considered the second most powerful person in Georgia before he lost his parliament seat in elections on Nov. 5.

The prosecutor general issued a warrant for Mr. loseliani's arrest the day after the Aug. 29 car bomb against attack Mr.

TBILISI (AP) — A once- a.m. by police who said Shevardnadze, who barely powerful warlord who lost they had found guns and escaped with his life in the explosion.

> But Mr. Ioseliani, who enjoyed immunity, from prosecution as a lawmaker in this former Soviet republic, remained at large until his arrest on drug and gun charges.

Mr. Ioseliani, 69, has denied any involvement in attack on Shevardnadze.









PAKISTAN CULTURAL TROUPE

ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF

HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN, THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN,

IN COOPERATION WITH THE JORDANIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HAS ORGANIZED A DANCE PERFORMANCE

BY A PAKISTANI CULTURAL TROUPE

THE ROYAL CULTURAL CENTRE

7 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 17, 18 AND 20 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS SARVATH EL-HASSAN HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PATRONIZE THE PERFORMANCE.

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT TELEPHONE NOS: 622787, 624680 COURTESY: JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINE CO. LTD

Chairman of the Board of Directors: MAHMOUD AL KAYED Director General:

MOHAMMAD AMAD Editor-in-Chief: GEORGE S. HAWATMEH

Jordan Press Foundation. University Road, P.O. Box 6710, Amman, Jordan.

Telephones: 684311. 699634 Telex: 21497 ALRAI JO Facsimile: 696183

Editorial and advertising offices:

The Jordan Times is published daily except Fridays. Subscription and advertising rates are available from the Jordan Times advertising department.

A matter of urgency

THE INTERNATIONAL Court of Justice has recently started deliberations on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons. Thanks to the World Health Organisation (WHO), which brought up the subject before the court for a legal opinion three years ago, the international community could soon have the benefit of a verdict by the international tribunal on a matter that has threatened the very existence of mankind. While nuclear powers insist that the deployment of nuclear weapons does not violate international law, non-nuclear states are united in their quest for total prohibition of the use or stockpiling of all nuclear arms. This division is understood given the vested interest of the nuclear powers in the development, possession and use of nuclear arms. With the world court on the verge of rendering a declamatory judgement, the comity of nations on both sides of the fence is poised to benefit from any such legal opinion.

The WHO, however, is not the first international organisation to raise the issue. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva has long led a campaign to declare the deployment of nuclear bombs as contrary to the relevant Geneva Conventions of 1949. The ICRC concern was given an added expression during the Diplomatic Conference in the late seventies that articulated and adopted the two Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions. Given the wide interpretation accorded to the these international humanitarian norms as outlawing the resort to nuclear weapons during war, major nuclear powers have refrained from ratifying the first additional protocol for fear that their adherence to it would deprive them from the option to deploy nuclear and thermonuclear bombs in war.

There is no doubt, therefore, that the WHO has picked up where the ICRC has left off and the two international bodies are united in the effort to declare the use of such mass destruction weapons as unlawful under current international humanitarian law. There is no doubt also that all mass destruction weapons including nuclear, biological and chemical ones are illegal since they do not discriminate between combatants and civilians. The nature and scope of all these weapons is such that their use should be viewed as anathema to all humanitarian principles.

Hopefully, the world court will put this issue to rest by declaring all nuclear weapons illegal. Most probably, though, the court would tread a fine line by making a distinction between tactical and strategic nuclear bombs, legalising the first but outlawing the latter. Since a declaratory judgement is by nature non-binding, the deep division within the international community is likely to persist no matter how the court goes on this

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

UNDAUNTED BY the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the acts of terrorists groups in Israel, the peace process will go ahead, said a columnist in Al Ra'i Wednesday. Similarly, the forces of darkness and instigators of street violence and the powers behind them in the Arab World will not be able to prevent Jordan from seizing the opportunity in seeking progress in the era of peace, neither will these forces stop the Palestinians from pursuing their efforts towards building a Palestinian state after the withdrawal of Israeli forces, said Sultan Al Hattab. Referring to the withdrawal by Israeli forces from Jenin, the writer said that it was a step in the long march for freedom for all the Palestinian towns, something that was not to the taste of extremists in Israel or those Arabs who displayed pessimism over the Oslo agreement. He said some forces hostile to peace on the Arab side are frustrated with the gradual establishment of security and stability, and could resort to instigation of violence and cause internal disturbances because the peace situation is not in their own

YASSER ZAATRE, a columnist in Al Dustour, discussed the situation in South Lebanon where resistance groups continue the war on the Israeli occupation forces, and paid tribute to those who, he said, are trying to liberate their lands. Discounting a widespread belief that the Lebanese resistance is merely a tool in the hands of the Syrians in their negotiations with Israel, the writer said even if this is true fighting off the occupation forces in Lebanon is an honourable act, to liberate the southern sector of the country, which is no less important than the Golan Heights.

The View from Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

A birthday wish: The best Jordanian is a blest Jordanian

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's speech last week, addressed not only to those attending but to the nation at large and to nations beyond, is essentially about self-recognition. Literally and metaphorically, explicitly and by implication, the address, which reflects a great deal of subtlety and foresight, is extremely rich and telling in its assessment of the status quo and sense of what ought to be done. Ultimately, however, it is an appeal to Jordanians to be a little more aware of what has been and is happening, a little more appreciative, and a little more expressive and assertive. And this is not too much to ask.

Self-recognition is a rich and complex concept, of course. One of its many meanings, a meaning brought home to each and every one of us once a year at least on the auspicious occasion of His Majesty's birthday, has to do with appreciation of achievement. The King's birthday is 'auspicious," I say, and special not only because it is significantly the both but, more interestingly I, believe, because it is in many ways the birthday of the nation itself. The King has been forcefully present (and we hope he will continue to be so for a long time to come) since Jordan's independence, i.e. since its birth. The life of the country and the life of the King are, then, so interconnected and so intertwined that it is extremely hard to separate one from the other; and much of what we enjoy as Jordanians today, and what some of us take for granted, is a direct outcome of His Majesty's profound vision, his dedication to the mission, his wise leadership and his diligent efforts, with the active participation of his ever able and ever reliable assistant and partner, the Crown Prince. This is a fact we must all recognise.

Since the birth of modern Jordan, not much more than haif a century ago, a great deal has happened. The story of Jordan will go down in the bright pages of history as a country which has fought against all odds (geographic, demographic, political, historical, social, cultural, economic, etc) not only to survive and stand on its feet firmly, but also to flourish, prosper and be a real example for others in

the region and beyond. The achievements are immense, and one can hardly do ustice to them here. Be it at the concrete, somewhat blatant level or at a more refined and subtle level, they are there speaking for themselves. Today, Amman and the other Jordanian towns and cities are a lot cleaner, healthier, more liveable and more beautiful not only than they were 20 or even 10 years ago but also than most towns and cities in the region. There is hardly any village in the Kingdom (as small as 10 or 15 houses) without water and electricity, without a school and a clinic, and without a reasonable network of roads. Our educational system, be it at the school or university level, is decidedly more liberal, more open-minded, more experimental, more flexible and more effective and successful than nearly all systems in the neighbouring countries (despite our natural criticisms and reservations about it). The introduction of democracy to the country, and the speed with which it has been implemented, is surely a gigantic step; even though it has not evolved to reach the level we all aspire and even though many among us still gravely misunderstand it and abuse it (and this is all normal, for democracy is a process not a fixed system which can be applied and made perfect overnight), it has so far been working. Compare our political system at this particular moment in history with those in most (if not all) our sister countries and neigh-bours, many of whose governments still practice you all know what. Jordan's role in the peace process (be it with respect to the peace agreement with Israel or with respect to the gracious stance and support of the Palestinian brethren) is extremely enlightened, constructive and ele-

One ought not to be ungrateful. Positive moves, steps, decisions and achievements have to be duly recognised. And I believe that every sensible, reasonable, commonsensical, realistic, intelligent and (above all) honest citizen in this nation must and does recognise.

But self-recognition also means understanding and awareness. Semantically, this is what the word "appreciation" also denotes. To "recognise" or "appreciate" is to truly comprehend, to see, and to feel the worth and value of something. Hence when we teach literary "appreciation" courses at our schools or universities, this is what we have in mind. The question to raise here is, how many people truly recognise, aptly understand and duly appreciate (three mental processes extremely dependent one on the other, respectively) the happenings, changes, developments and achievements we are witnessing today? I say "truly," "aptly" and "duly," The answer is, very few. The point to emphasise here is that while we have made great strides, taken big steps and achieved much to be proud of,

and confidence.

fanatics now

In the near term, Israeli

horror and revulsion at the

murder will reinforce his

efforts to gather the divided nation behind his unques-

tioned determination to ful-

fill the promise. He will be

the prime target of vitriolic

It should help him that

the opposition offers just

that - opposition and dire

warnings, no real alterna-

go, however, too many major obstacles ahead for the

solidarity to distress to car-

ry him through. He will

need help to replace the

reassurance that Mr.

Rabin's tough record and

rugged temperament pro-vided. It will need to come

not only from stricken

Israelis but also from Arab

leadership and the outside

world, especially American

Syria's President Hafez

Assad told U.S. Secretary

of State Warren Christ-

opher in Damascus recently

that Mr. Rabin was too

fearful of Israeli critics.

Last week showed Mr.

There is too much time to

we largely lack and miss the fitting and due recognition and appreciation of such strides, steps and achievements.

His Majesty is right to be upset and angry with those who take each and every opportunity to underrate, underesti-mate, undervalue and trivialise what Jordan has accomplished - the "mice" who are out to annoy, subvert and sabotage. No society in today's world, including the most liberal and democratic, tolerates extremists, isolationists, secessionists and "enemies of life." But one is also upset and angry with those among us (equally subversive and destructive) who underrate, underestimate, undervalue and trivialise our accomplishments when they are supposed to be, expected to be, and required to be doing just the

Let me illustrate through drawing on an analogy from literature. We all know the difference between poet and critic. The first produces a primary text which we call a poem; the other produces a secondary text which we call a critical essay. The poem in itself is beautiful, great, and super; but when the critics (the good critic, that is) writes his piece on it, it looks more beautiful, greater and superior. As a result, the reader understands it more, appreciate it more and recognises its value and worth much more aptly and duly. While the greatest contribution goes to the poet, the critic nonetheless plays the crucial role of bringing it into life in the readers' mind. While some readers can understand the poem themselves, many depend on the critic to explain it. Jordan is the poem (created by its leadership and its people); the reader is the citizen (the so-called man in the street); and the critic is the teacher, the journalist, the media man, and everyone of us who is in a leading position. While Jordan as a poem is great, and while its citizen as a reader is honest and well-meaning; the failure in giving due appreciation is largely the critic's. If His Majesty vents a great deal of anger in the direction of the press and media; it is (in addition to giving ample room to some "mice" to gnaw and sabotage) because many of the "critics" (though by no means all) entrusted with explaining Jordan the "poem' fail to do so miserably. To put it more bluntly, many of our journalists, writers, TV presenters are shallow, superficial, hollow and boring. They themselves fail to understand and appreciate the exciting challenges of the times and the great breakthroughs and accomplishments. How can we expect them, alas, to excite and enlighten the man in the street who is so helplessly reliant on them for explanation and appreciation? We do a great deal of harm when we pay lip-service to our successes and achievements. They deserve better treatment.

The third meaning of self-recognition is suggested in what I have already been saying; namely, self-assessment and self-evaluation. This theme is strongly implicit in His Majesty's speech. We are at the threshold of a very exciting, very challenging and very new era? What are we to do to enable ourselves to live up to the challenge and rise to the occasion? What are our qualifications and what are our weaknesses? We must answer this question intelligently and honestly, if we are to thrive and excel, as I have faith

During the past two years, I have been writing in my humble column in the illustrious Jordan Times precisely on this particular question. I have said much about the qualifications and much about the weaknesses. If I were to restate briefly what I have stated about these matters, I would say that our qualifications lie in the excellent potential of our individual and in the liberalism and progressiveness of our political system. As for our weak-nesses. I would say that they boil down to mainly one: Mediocrity of performance. This is the monster from which many of our problems spring. When are we going to understand (truly understand) that one's worth is tied to one's performance, not to one's potential or to what one thinks of one's self? Performance, ladies and gentlemen. It does not matter how much you have in your head, in your spirit, in your mind or in your pocket. What matters is what you do, what you produce, what you show.

His Majesty has the right to feel proud of his performance, and celebrate his birthday on this basis. The birthday present he expects from his people in this happy occasion is, I believe, simple: It is that each and every Jordanian does his work devotedly and efficiently, no more and no less. More than poems and songs on this happy occasion, we want deeds that speak louder than words. This is what belonging means, what patriotism is about and what true citizenship is. Let our motto be (a motto derived from the performance of His Majesty and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan) in the days to come: The best Jordanian is the ablest Jordanian.

Peres is right to pursue security through peace

prime minister, Shimon Peres, has been derided by his own people as a visionary. But he is fully aware of the enormous extra difficulbrake, as the Israeli engine ties he faces in the drive for for peace chugged steadily peace without his former forward. He produced the rival and then political partideas and diplomatic breakthroughs, Mr. Rabin the ner, the slain Yitzhak Rabin. ssential domestic support

By Flora Lewis

PARIS - Israel's acting

His stunned face in the aftermath of the assassination showed it. There was shock and grief, but beyond that, in a man never ac-cused of modesty, the kind of humble awe of unexpected responsibility ex-pressed by President Harry ruman taking over from Franklin D. Roosvelt, according to a new book based on Truman's letters and notes. This is not to compare the men but the situa-

When I saw him in Amman and again in Jerusalem recently, Mr. Peres was euphoric. He has clear ideas of how to forge ahead, step by step although he cannily doesn't spell it out, and where he expects to arrive. He speaks of an essential triangle, Israel-Palestinians-Jordan. and he likes to use the metaphor of Benelux, three distinct cultures and countries living in fruitful sym-

But his biggest problem will be Israel, and that is what he has suddenly had to realise. He has been the accelerator, Mr. Rabin the

Assad's underestimation of the risk and perhaps overestimation of the powers of a democratic leader, who must persuade as well as decide. Mr. Assad should reconsider, for he, too, stands to lose if the momentum is lost. The reflex reaction of

many moderate Arabs, who do want an accord, has been that the Israelis must move to crack down as hard on their own extremists and terrorists as they do on their Arab enemies. There is a point in noting that Israel applies a double standard, and its police and justice need to be stricter in imposing the law. But the indulgence stems from a long war and war's inevitable assumptions in defining

friend and foe. There are no more "good terrorists," and that must be proclaimed more unequivocally and effectively than ever.

Egypt, which has been cool in recent years after having made the first peace with Israel, has come to fear Israeli economic dominance. That is self-denying. Israel, flourishing now with growth rates on the order of 7 per cent, is already reap-ing a peace dividend from new investment and the opening of huge new markets in the once reluctant developing countries. The neighbour's new prosperity offers opportunities for Egypt, too. President Hosni Mubar-

ak, who went to Israel for the first time to attend Mr. Rabin's funeral, stressed that he came to offer condolence, not to visit. A warmer relation would comfort Israelis, and thus help Mr. Peres convince them that he is on the right track. The American government has not faltered in its support, but congressional ploys on moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and cutting off aid to the PLO are aimed only at domestic U.S. politics in the belief that American Jews essentially back Israeli hardliners. There is an extremist

fringe in the United States as fierce as Israeli extremists. But they are not the majority, which has been intimidated by the shrill voices of those who pretend to defend Israel by opposing peace negotiations. The others must make themselves heard if they want Mr. Peres to succeed.

All of this is needed for more Israelis to take heart and see much more hope than danger in the course Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres launched together, and to fill the vacuum of confidence left by Mr. Rabin's death. It is worth it, for all concerned.

International Herald Tri-

A mixed eight years for Tunisia's Ben Ali

By Abdelaziz Barrouhi Reuter

TUNIS — Democracy. modernisation, stability_these words are familiar ones in the lexicon of Tunisian officials to describe the eight years since President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali came to power.

And as Tuesday's anniversary of Ben Ali's arrival in office — known in Tunisia as "The November 7 change" — fell many Tunisians and foreign diplomats have praised the stability of a country whose neighbours are violent Algeria and unpredictable

Tunisia is one of the In-ternational Monetary Fund's (IMF) favourites. A recent IMF report called the North African country "a prime example of the successful transformation of an economy from one heavily regulated by gov-ernment to one based on market orientation..."

But Tunis-based diplomats and opposition leaders say a price has been paid for this stability and growth. namely that expectations for the development of an open political society have not been met. "Tunisia became a mod-

ern country with a performing and open economy and industrial and political stability...," a West European ambassador told Reuters. His only reservation, he added, was that the price of

political stability had sometimes been "some exces-Ahead of the November 7 celebrations, Amnesty International said it was con-

cerned by "serious and systematic human rights viola-

tions.' The London-based human rights organisation's concerns were fuelled by the crushing of the country's fundamentalist movement in 1992 as well as by the arrest last month of Mohammad Moada, presient of the Democratic Socialists Movement

Mr. Moada was charged with having "secret ties" with a foreign country. Diplomats say that country is

Authorities have also embarked this month on stripping the parliamentary immunity from one of Mr. Moada's lieutenants, Khemais Chammari, and has started legal proceedings against his wife, Alya Cher-

Both are accused of havng disclosed secrets of the investigation into Mr. Moada's case. Mr. Cherif is a member of the defence

But Tunisian officials stressing that their country is not yet "a perfect democracy," says such cases are not aimed against MDS activities but at individuals.

They add that in recent. vears they have prosecuted bureaucrats guilty of human rights abuses and have made efforts to educate the police. "Between 1988 and

March 31, 1995, the justice ministry has registered 302 cases of (police) abuses..., and these statistics confirm that the system is fully committed to the respect of says Šadok Chaabane, the justice minister who is also a professor of law.

"Critics, particularly in the West... look only at the empty half part of the glass. not at the full half," he adds in a new book entitled "Ben Ali's Way to Pluralism."

President Ben Ali. in a gesture characteristic of his rule, on Saturday kept alive hopes of change by pardoning Hamma Hammami and Mohammad Kilani, jailed left-wing leaders of the banned Tunisian Communist Workers' Party (POCT).

But officials make no secret of their intention to keep a tight grip on power and to control the pace of democratic reforms to secure what they say is the country's stability and development in an unstable region.

They stress that the transition to democracy has already shown a significant result: For the first time in 1994, opposition won 19 seats in the 163-member parliament, and Mr. Ben Ali was reelected unopposed with the support of the seven legal, but weak, political parties and by all professional organisations.

LETTERS

Turkey uncompromising on Iraq's sovereignty

To the Editor:

(MDS).

IN THE article entitled "The spread of Kurdish nationalism: A new stage in its development," reprinted in the Jordan Times issue of Nov.9-10 from the Middle East International, Turkey is mentioned with several other countries in a manner which leaves doubt as to what our policy is. Turkish policy as regards Iraq and the PKK, is very clear, as stated in a recent speech to Parliament on Nov. 3, by Deniz Baykal, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Turkey. I am surprised that the speech found no reflection in the Jordanian press. In his speech, Mr. Baykal stated, in summary,

.....We have always favoured the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq. It is our wish to see that this country abide by the United Nations Security Council resolutions and so reestablish its sovereignty within its borders as soon as possi-

".....People living in northern Iraq should not forget that they are the citizens of the Iraqi state. They must be prepared to take part in an Iraqi administration as the citizens of a democratic country when Iraq regains its sovereignty. We sincerely hope that our neighbour Iraq will evolve within a democratic process that grants equal rights to all its citizens. When I say 'All the citizens' I wish to stress that in Iraq there are millions of Turkish speaking people of Turkish origin. The majority of them live in northern Iraq. One cannot talk about northern Iraq or even Iraq without taking into account the Turcomans. It is wrong to refer to northern Iraq as an exclusively Kurdish region, where hundreds of thousands of Turcomans, Arabs, Assyrians and Chaldeans

> Ambassador Aykut Cetirge Charge d'Affaires Turkish Embassy

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts.

Amman.

Maria Entre Contract

ಕೊಂಡಲು ೧೯೩೪ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳ

200

What a

t jegg E ungo co

4.00 time ; 20 May 2 1376 - Ext 35 th that 3:30 inor of Canto a mene mi tose and the line

die mehr some Mr. Stobuld in arti- team

am of the way.

tome aware of major Euroj These de his activities

aminonment and possi is omnipredicts the just as hydrosphere the eren personnel at hydrosphere. the hydrosphere.

the free in the seat, it was possitive to the to the seat of 2008. At Kinds ruque are chemi indeased by our and the amounts

aal pr ट्राट्ट large amounts
large that they
large that they
large of nature
large of nature of m na. etc. thank $h_{C_{k}}$ وتريياة ergan

ane Robinel There are two Stategies to it seventive action. (D) (A) ienie ing : adustries mit tions Sicel sal by process curative

organ cal enz. $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathbf{x}_{i+1}}$ show show eliminates downstream
Seeking and altern
one of the often
public

Society on the Move

Investments in the future take on various shades

lieutenants, Kb. ammari, and it Despite the heavy rains and cold last Friday hundreds of egal proceedings wife, Alya Ch. families turned out to attend the annual Umm El Hussein Charity Bazaar and Family Fun Day. Held under the patronage of HRH Princess Basma, the following embassies, consulates as well as the United Nations parsed secrets of the ticipated in one way or another in selling their national ation into M. case. Mr. Chem handicrafts, cooking up traditional foods, and staging per-formances: Australia, Belgium, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq. unisian officie Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, that their coup-Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, ays such case... ed against MI Turkey, and the United States. The bazaar, which last year started the tradition of adding in an international food fair, is organised annually by members of the diplomatic corps y have prosecu-ats guilty of hun buses and ha in Jordan in support of the activities of the Umm El Hussein Orphanage which was established in 1951. The orphanage, named after the late Queen Mother, Zein Al Sharaf, provides for all the educational and social needs of orphans aged 6 to 18, and currently houses 138 students. All proceeds from the bazaar go to benefit the orphanage which depends on this annual event as its major source of income. Some members of the Hispanic diplomatic corps were overheard a few days later comparing notes on how their sales had faired. The vote was a ununimous "Muy

rities have a this month the parliamenter from one of M

re accused of he

T of the defere

but at individue

idd that in rece-

orts to educate t

, 1995, the just has registered :

(police) abuse

statistics confi-

ystem is fully $\mathfrak{c}_{\mathfrak{c}}$

the respen

says Sad

ne, the justice who is also a p

s, particularly

... look only at

If part of the glate full half." he at

200k entitled 1

y to Pluralism

ent Ben Ali. 🛚

naracteristic di

aturday kepi⊈

change by park

na Hammamir

nad Kilani, jab

leaders of the k

isian Comme

Party (PO(T

icials make no-

heir intention

ght grip on pos

ontrol the pace.

tic reforms೪೪

they say is the 1

oility and down ın unstable 🚌 🤚 tress that the m democracy hown a signific

or the first time position won the lo3-ments nt, and Mr. k s reelected ^g with the support

n legal, but we

parties and h.

gnty

l'Affaires

Embassy

law.

CHAIN REACTION: Just prior to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit, Parliament passed a law amending the status of the former Investment Promotion Department as an agency of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to a separate and autonomous body now called the Investment Promotion Corporation. The former-turned-new body has been under the directorship of Assem Hindawi for just over one year. Following the MENA summit, however, Taleb Rifai, who was Jordan commercial representative to the U.S. and then designated to work as the head of the technical committee for the MENA summit, was appointed to head the new independent corporation. It is expected that most of the more than 40-member staff of the original department will be retained in the new entity. Mr. Hindawi has been appointed instead to head the Industrial Estates Corporation, where its former director Fayez Suheimut has moved on to the new JD 20 million oil exploring venture, the National Oil Company. The obvious result is that in this case of musical chairs left no one out in the cold.

.



HRH Princess Sarvath, accompanied by her daughter Farah (wearing plaid), chats with a youngster while stopping by the Pakistani booth at the Umm Al Hussein Charity Bazaar last Friday. The boy is flanked by Pakistani Ambassador to Jordan Ali Sarwar Naqvi and his wife Meher

NEW 'STAGE' DIRECTOR: Ending the cultural saga is the news that Ivad Kattan, former director of the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), has indeed been appointed only as advisor to the Minister of Culture and not to the Prime Minister as some might have expected him to be. But his successor at the RCC, is, as was predicted, former Ministry of Culture Secretary General Mahmoud Fadil Tal. While Mr. Kattan has opted to take an extended leave until the beginning of the new year, Mr. Tal has assumed his new post right away.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY: One of Mr. Tal's first functions as the new director will be to host La Folia Quartet of Spain tonight at the RCC for a single performance of 16th, 17th and 18th century barogice music. Under the directorship of award-winning floutist Pedro Bonet, the

quartet will feature voice, flute, harpsichord and strings. La Folia Quartet was formed in 1977 and has won the Golden Palm Award and received an honorary mention at the Valencia Film Festival for their music in the soundtrack of "Bultuzar il Custrato" this year. The first half of the programme will be dedicated to Spanish barrque pieces of the 16th and 17th century by Juan de Naves, Bartolome de Selva, Juan Hidalgo, Clemente Imaña, Diego Ortiz, und Felipe Lluc. During the second half, the quartet will play 18th century pieces by Bach, Handel and Pepusch. The performers will be playing on instruments reconstructed from 17th century Italian models. The event marks the start of the Spanish embassy's cultural season which next month brings to Jordan world class flamenco star Blanca del Rey among other top Spanish performers. Tonight's concert is being held under the patronage of Prince Abdullah and Princess Rania. Unfortunately, Queen Sofia of Spain, who was in Jordan to celebrate His Majesty King

Hussein's birthday, returned home early Wednesday to attend to a busy schedule of commitments, otherwise, it was near certain that she would have attended La Folia Quartet's Amman debut as baroque is said to be a favourite of hers. The event is being presented by the Spanish embassy in cooperation with the Instituto Cervantes and sponsorship by Freddy for Music.

Published every Thursday

A DUTCH DECORATION: Honours seem to be the order of the day for November. Here is one order you may not have read about. Anis Mouasher, the chairman of the board of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), was appointed an Officer in the Order of the Golden Ark of the Netherlands. The honour was presented to Mr. Mouasher by Prince Bernhard, the Grand Muster of the Order of the Golden Ark and the father of Queen Beatrix, at the Soestdijk Palace in Amsterdam. The citation said that Mr. Mouasher was granted this honour for his long and special services for the conservation of nature. especially through the work of the RSCN. Mr. Mouasher had lectured in Amsterdam that same day on nature conservation work in Jordan. Established in 1972 by Prince Bernhard, the Order of the Golden Ark has been bestowed on several environmentalists, scientists and politicians including King Olaf of Sweden, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, Prince Henrik of Denmark and Sulian Qaboos of Oman. Mr. Mouasher says he shares the decoration with all his colleagues at the RSCN and members of the staff who worked hard to deserve it.

SOLID SAFETY: Another Jordanian won an evironmental prize of sorts. This time it is Jamal Khalil Shamasat of the Jordan Cement Factories (JCF)/Rashidiel who has recieved the prestigious British Safety Council Safety Award in safety management at the Royal Society of Arts in London. Mr. Shamasat was one of 29 delegates from 18 countries who spent 10 weeks studying problem solving, decision making, fire protection, occupational health, advanced safety management and total loss control. In presenting the diplomas to the participants, Director General of the British Safety Council said. "In sending their delegates on this course, the organisation represented here have demonstrated a high regard for safety and, thereby, their sense of vitality, team work and quality." Now if the JCF could only do a little bit more about the dust pollution, Fuheis residents say, much more could be said about its regard for the health of its host community.

Jennifer Hamarneh

Locust brain uses vision — and maths — to avoid collisions

By Jane E. Allen The Associated Press

onal organisans LOS ANGELES - Locusts — and probably other creatures — use complex mathematics in their eyes and brains to sense that an approaching object is getting too close and that it's mising of time to get out of the way,

The finding might someday be used to build an arti-

would send signals to help blind people avoid bumping into things, said Gilles Laurent, an assistant professor of neuroscience at the California Institute of journal Science. Technology in Pasadena, California.

Such technology is probably a decade off, he said. Mr. Laurent is part of a

ficial human retina that found a mathematical func- recognise that an object is tion that explains how a locust's brain processes the size and speed of a potential threat. Their study appears in the latest issue of the

"Detecting predators or detecting danger is a very general problem in nature and it concerns all animals, including us when we cross the street," Mr. Laurent team of scientists who said. "The problem is to first

approaching, and the second is to react before it actually collides."

He said the retina at the back of the eye provides three pieces of critical information about an approaching object: the size of the image, the speed at which its edges are widening and how much the image is speeding up.

the locust act before the before the moment of collimoment of collision, scien- sion and apparently triggers tists put the 2-inch insect in front of a computer screen, a warning to get out of the way, Mr. Laurent said. covered one of its eyes and projected images that simulated an approaching object. The scientists recorded via an electrode how one single

in response to the visual stimulus. Scientists found a mathe-

neuron, or brain cell, pulsed

However, "if the approach of the object is too fast," he said, "the reaction time is not long enough and the animal gets hit. That's why predators can survive. Nature evolves some sort of equilibrium so prey can

avoid predators most times,

To find out what makes matical quantity that peaks but sometimes get eaten so predators themselves can

live."

Mr. Laurent said that although be's not an engineer, he could foresee a human vision system using a silicon-chip retina now being developed at his university. The retina, he said, would use principles derived from his experiment.

It would "combine inputs about the size of what it sees and the velocity of what it sees in a way that would allow a signal to be generated prior to an impending collision," he said.

Larry Abbott, a professor of biology at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, was enthusiastic about the findings.

Although it's hard to say how many other animals use

is development Biodepollution — a promising area

e of Nov. 9-10 m e of Nov. signature of Nov. signature which less have become aware of Turkish policities have become aware of the harmful consectear, as stated the harmful consectear, as stated the harmful consectear. 3, by be on his environment and minister on his course health and minister on his own health. surprised that Pollution is omnipre-Surprised present and affects the ted, in summatmosphere just as much as the biosphere

d the soveres and the hydrosphere. d the sour wish to Although, even in the is our wish nationally, even in the United National Die to leave it up to kinds of depollution technology is making to do its job this so reestatus to leave it up to as soon as no longer possible to longer possible a lead should blowadays. The subthern traq in By Sylviane Robinet as an exclusion

as an excusion ARIS — There are two sof thousand Chalder Ossible strategies to dor Aykut lat is to say by savetion. technologies" ithin industries, with and contributions "Ig pollution within the tackle left by production process should contain telf, or by curative should contain telf, or by curative dress as well within which eliminates dress as well within a downstream is and under spoollution downstream is and the news om the manufacturing a diting manufacturing a trocess. Seeking and twelorism te purpose of eliminat-

major objectives of the European Eureka Project. These new technologies should finally make it possible for the automobile and chemicals industries to considerably reduce their polluting emissions and to fall in line with stringent regula-

niques are available. These are physical processes, chemical or physico-chemichemical or physico-chemical processes and biological processes. Biological processes, based on the use of micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi, algae, yeasts, within a democratic common be eliminated by within a democratic common be process of nature sto all its clip tione. So specially deversh to stress open techniques have speaking people a be used to eliminate em live in not collutants.

The sub-chemical or physico-chemical processes and biological processes, based on the use of micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi, algae, yeasts, etc.) are being developed thanks largely to the boom in biotechnologies. Indeed, thanks to research being carried out in biotechnology, a catalogue of micro-organisms is available today and the sub-chemical or physico-chemical processes and biological processes, based on the use of micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi, algae, yeasts, etc.) are being developed thanks largely to the boom in biotechnologies. Indeed, thanks to research being carried out in biotechnology, a catalogue of micro-organisms is available today. organisms is available today in which they are characterised and indexed according to the chemical reactions that they are likely to produce. The use of microorganisms or other biological material such as enzymes in the food-processing industries has shown their reliability and

> processes Biological increasingly appear as an alternative to chemical and physical methods which are often badly considered by public opinion as they leave on the property of certain

effectiveness.

by-products which are diffi- fibrous fungi to absorb cult to turn to account. Another advantage of biodepollution is the low cost of the installations that it requires. Industrialists, who are placed under the constraints of the new standards established by the European Community are well aware of the advantage of this new technology which is relatively inexpensive and easy to install.

Encouraging results For a long time, biotechnology, techniques came from know-how acquired with experience and not from a rigorous procedure based on theory and reasoning. Scientists are aware of the stakes represented by bioprocesses both from an economic and an ecological point of view and so they are trying to rationalise the phenomenon by contributing the theoretical bases that are indispensable for it to be applied on a large scale. For a few years now, processes for fighting water and soil pollution have been the subject of active research. Recently, scientists at the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) developed a depollution process for water contaminated by heavy metals such as

chrome, nickel, cobalt, zinc,

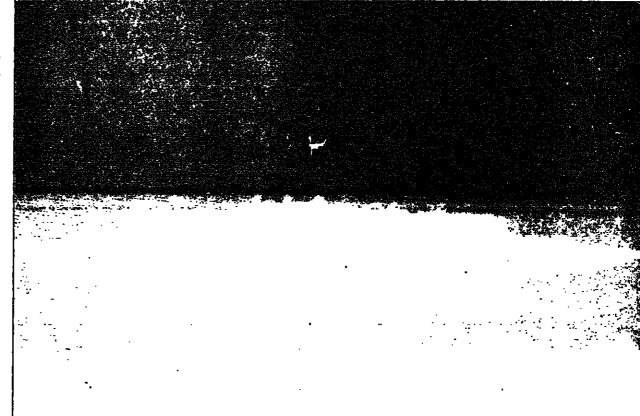
cadmium, lead and mercury.

This technique is based

heavy metals.

metal cations in a water solution. Research carried out using the Rhizopus arrhizus mould has shown that the cellular wall of this fungus contains a large number of anionic sites which are able to very effectively absorb heavy metals present in water in the form of cations. Moreover, this process should make it possible to give value to the mycelium mud which is a by-product of the fermentation industries that produce enzymes, antibiotics or vitamins by the culture of fibrous fungi. Another highly promising process is biolixiviation or bacterial lixiviation. This technique, which is well-known in hydro-metallurgy (10 per cent of copper produced at present in the world is extracted using this method), has existed for some time already. As early as the year 1,000 B.C., the peoples of the Mediterranean basin used bacteria to recover copper by draining mines. Studies are under way to improve this process and to adapt it for the depollution of muds, soils and

sediments polluted by The choice of a bioprocess depends on the technicity of is based on several criteria. First of all the nature of the pollutant has to be determined and the chemical form in which it occurs. Then the different kinds of obtain maximum depollu- ones would have to be creat- technology is still in its L'Actualite En France.



The Rhizopus arrhizus fungus avidly digests heavy metals in a water solution; a stroke of luck for the metallurgy industry

sought (through a mechanism of energy-producing degradation or by integration into a synthesis process). This choice also the firm, the location of its. There are numerous areas in activity, the concentration of the pollutants to be either because suitable processed and the conditions that have to be met to

metabolise it have to be ture, Ph, source of energy. amount of biomass, toxic limits, etc.)

> in the present state of affairs, bioprocesses are not a cure-all for depollution. which they cannot be used strains have not yet been discovered, or because new

best-suited to the applicamakes it easier to identify them.

used to fight poliution today, biological processes are the minority but this

micro-organisms likely to tion effectiveness (tempera- ed by genetic modification. early days. The results are Treating the air and the soil highly encouraging, espeare the areas which are the cially those obtained in waste-water processing and tion of bioprocesses as the in dealing with the badnumber of pollutants smells given off during involved is limited, which sewage processing and sewage processing and agro-industries (animal husbandry, slaughtering and In the panel of techniques smelting) and the metallurgy and chemicals industries predict a fine future for biodepollution

Electronic publishing

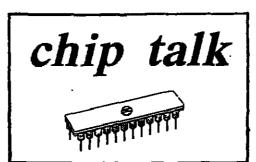
By Jean-Claude Elias

The recent release of a CD-ROM on Jordan on the occasion of the Amman 95 Economic Conference was undeniably a success. The Compact Disc - Read Only Memory is a device that is similar in format to the well-known music audio CD, but is intended to be used in a player that only works installed in a computer.

Publishing any work in electronic format is becoming more and more popular. It would not make any sense publishing a novel or a literary work in CD format (I do not take bets on the future), since the reading would be linear. On the other hand, the electronic system does bring many important features and facilities for work where search, indexing or cross-referencing is essential. A typical CD-ROM application for instance is dictionaries and encyclo-

The case of the CD-ROM on Jordan is also quite appropriate. Looking for a feature, a photograph or any piece of information on the Kingdom using a PC is faster, more efficient, more practical and... more enjoyable. Colour photographs particularly come alive on the screen. High resolution monitors able to display up to 16 million colours (no typo bere) produce images that are much sharper and true-to-life than the best TV set. Whenever a certain part of a CD-ROM is of special interest for a reseach or even for distribution on hard copy, the system allows easy printing of that part.

Naturally, enjoying a CD-ROM means having a PC equipped with a CD player, and having them both at hand, ready to work. Traditional books do not require additional devices or equipment to be read.



We all know that PCs are everywhere. Moreover, one third of the machines currently sold in the U.S., and one quarter of those sold in Jordan come equipped with a CD player. This means that in less than five years, when most of the existing personal computer installations are renewed, the wide majority of homes and offices will have fast, easy access to CD-ROM players.

Still, the ideal setup would require the machine to be left permanently on, at least during daytime. This is not an unrealistic situation. Already computers fitted with fax cards must be always turned on in order to receive incoming messages. By the year 2000, virtually tomorrow, the industry will probably come up with a few other applications that would require the machines to be permanently

How long would it take till electronic publishing takes over traditional publishing? Book lovers, sentimentally, attached to the "real thing" may suffer from the change. Do they have the choice?

— That's for your own good?

— Is this what you think now?

Such was the result of your efforts.

Hatha ma fa'altuhu bid'dubt.

Hathehi heya nateejato juhoodeka.

Innaka la zilta tifflan wayajib an tu'amal

Hal hatha ma tazonnohul-aan?

Hatha lesalehik.

The sound of soul at the crossroads

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Talent is a wonderful thing! If you happened to have read through the list of events of what went on in Amman lately, you would have been in for a surprise. More movies than ever were being shown at the various cultural centres. Concerts by the orchestra and band of the National Music Conservatory were being rerun because the public demand for tickets had been overwhelming. And exhibitions were springing up all over the place.

In light of all this, and acknowledging the fact that we have a proper and adequate exhibition space, an ever increasing number of theatres and cultural centres, a case has to be put forward for setting up a national complex devoted to musical engagements! Our theatre buildings are, undeniably, containers for drama. But on the outside, they play no part whatsoever in the plot of human life. What we need are buildings which provide us with a set on which people participate in a drama that is both rewarding social rimal and satisfactory at a personal level.

Talent is also a wonderful thing because it does, or at least should, give us the ability to speak our minds when the time is right. It does not mean however that, given the space and the freedom to practice such an option, this freedom to speak be abused.

Talent is also about telling apart right from wrong. It certainly is not, never was and can never be allowed to become, about rejoicing at somebody's death. Talent, combined with vision and a sense of purpose, means helping people to make the right choices to make the best of their lives. It means celebrating the advent of peace and clues of a prosperous future set against the calamities of a distant past. Life is, after all, about giving people chances to put right the wrongs in their lives and the unjustness of

"Well, you can't have your hair cut on my time," protest-

"Why not? demanded the office boy," I grew it on your

so many years of war and hatred.

vife but One can only hope that the younger generation among us will prove up to the task entrusted to them. The task of preserving the legacy of peace and understanding that peace is what we are trying, at great peril, to build. Sadly enough, just as we mourn the passing of peacemakers, we also mourn the sudden and untimely deaths of so many of our young people. Our children have to be made to understand that speeding cars and drugs could, and do, kill. Certainly the rules of the game will have to change. But

at the same time, it is imperative that we do not lose sight of what is important. Parental guidance and supervision are now called for more than ever before. Democratic values have to be taught to our children from an early age, Television programmes, encounters and talk shows featuring young people debating among themselves and with political and economic figures are important. It is important that all our children be able to engage in sound intellectual debates. Teaching them to be considerate of others and their needs, as well as one's own, is also important. To call for better, wealthier and healthier urban and rural environments is important. To be able to secure reasonable levels of justice and equity for all in our social welfare system is important. To speak out and condemn assassination is important. To have a big heart is important. To work for the good of one's profession, society and comtry is important. But to be given such an opportunity is also important. To be able to enjoy one's achievements in life is important. To be able to grow old in peace and security is important. To be able to love is important. But to be loved is even more important. To be able to enjoy the sound of soul at the crossroads is important. And to be able to say all of this, freely, and do all of this, honestly, is by far the most important!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

— IN September 1921, when Gandhi was touring Madurai district in Tamil Nadu he came across men and women moving about with insufficient clothing. At the sight of these poverty-stricken people he was moved to tears. From then he vowed to wear the loin cloth as his only

- VENUS, one of the planets, has a peak higher than Mt. Everest, U.S. scientists said. Images constructed from radar scanning show 11,200-metre mountain that would tower over the 8,708-metre Everest, the highest on the earth. The mountain in Venus is unofficially called Maxwell.

--- HITLER, the dictator of Germany, committed suicide in the underground bunker of the Imperial Chancellory on April 30, 1945. Probably he was afraid to answer for the horrible crimes he had committed on mankind. Fifty million people were killed in the butchery of the World War II!

 A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD girl vomitted 8.2-inch long baby python in Rewa, India. The girl was normal when she took tea but later she felt giddy and vomitted. It was then a ground.

LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

- Such is my luck!

--- What I mean is this.

— That sounds fishy.

-That's exactly what I did.

Hatha howa huzzi!

Hatha howa ma a'neehi. Hatha yabdu sayye'an. That's what I need.

- You're still a child and must be treated as such.

Hatha ma ahtajuhu. Thanks for your kindness.

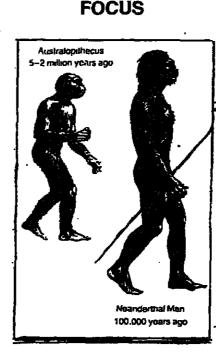
Ashkuruka ala karamika.

JOKES

* WARDEN: "I've been in charge of this prison for 20 years and that calls for a celebration. What kind of a party would you, boys, suggest?"
PRISONERS: "Open house!"



* "WHERE have you been? questioned the employer. "To have my hair cut," replied the office boy.



PEOPLE OF THE PAST.

NO ONE knows for certain how long people have lived on the earth. The first hominids (human-like animals) probably existed about five million years ago and lived mainly in Africa. People's first tools were sticks and the stones which they learned to chip into rough axes. They used these axes as weapons for hunting animals. They also caught fish with spears and with fish-hooks which they made from thorns. Some stone tools remain from this period, which is known as the Old Stone Age. In the New Stone Age, people began to live together in larger groups. They learned to tame flocks and herds of domestic animals, and began to

FISH

HOBBIES

FISH are more attractive in garden ponds. If it is not possible to build a proper pond, buy one "rarely-made" in glass fibre. Look at other ponds to discover the best ways of using rocks and plants.

Fish can also be kept indoors in a glass tank, which must be kept away from direct sunlight. Goldfish are popular and

easiest to keep. The bottom of the tank should be thoroughly was beforehand, and the tank should stand for a few days before the fish are added.

A tropical aquarium is set up in the same way, but will need electric heaters, a thermostat, a thermometer, a filtration system and an aerating pump. The pet shop will sell a complete assembly to suit your tank.

RIDDLES

(1) What tongue never talks?

Run The Gauntlet

I Love Lucy

Tarzan

(2) What stick never beats anybody? (3) What shoes is never brushed?

(4) What mouth has no lips? (5) What foot has no leg?

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1995

Fireman Sam 1:20 1:30 My Secret Identity The New Leave It To Beaver 2:00 2:30 White Heat Feature "The Last Fling" Starring: John Ritter & Connic Sellecca Freuch Programme Celui Qui Chante Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Archimede News Headlines Carol And Company The Album Show

8:50 The Royal Variety Performance 9:10 On The Banks of Jordan (P.II)

10:00 News In English 10:25 Movie — "Goddess Of Love"

1:00 Iris - The Happy Professor

Starring: Vanna White & David Naughten 12:00 The Thorn Birds (Ep. 8)

Friday, Nov. 17, 1995 1:00 Little Mermaid Beethoven 1:45 Lift-Off 2:00 The Runn Lucas Show Space Rangers Goldrush In Alaska 3:15 Movies — Games And Videos 5:00 French Programme Sophie Et Virginie 5:30 Telefilm Le Paradis Absolumeni Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Sports Et Musique 7:30 News Headlines Coach Natural Wonders Of Europe 9:10 Wolf 10:00 News In English 10:25 Pride And Prejudice (Part I)

JTV CHANNEL TWO WEEKLY PREVIEW

11:30 Movie - "Separate Tables" Starring: Alan Bates & Julie Christy

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995 Back To The Future Harry And The Hendersons Blue Heelers Only In Hollywood I Love Lucy Tarzan 5:00 French Programme Fractales 5:30 Varieties **Omnisciences** 6:00 Drama Cest Mon Histoire Faut Pas Rever News Headlines Major Dad 7:35 First Flights The Bold And The Beautiful Star Trek - The Next Generation News In English Movie: "Beverly Hills Cow Girl Blues"

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1995

Starring: James Brolin & Lisa Hartman

The Flintstones Droopy Master Detective Family Playhouse Scientific Eye Puywall's Summer I Love Lucy 4:30 Tarzan French Programme Fractales Serie

L'histoire Secrete Du Petrole

12:30 My Good Friend

Fruits Et Legumes Document

La Feu De La Terre 7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Sports Et Musique News Headlines Nurses Cinema, Cinema 8:25 The Bold & The Beautiful 9:10 Varieties 9:30 Heartbeat 10:00 News In English 10:25 Counterstrike 11:15 Cassidy 12:00 My Two Wives

Monday, Nov. 20, 1995

Shelly Duvall's Bedtime Stories 2:30 Play About 2:45 Hey Dad 3:05 Nature World Of Mitsuaki I Love Lucy 4:00 4:30 Tarzan 5:00 French Programme Fractales Serie Maria Vandamme Le Journal Magazine 7:15 Nimbus News Headlines 7:35 McHale's Navy Invention The Bold And The Beautiful Star Trek — The Next Generation 10:00 News In English 10:25 Inspector Morse 12:00 The American Chart Show Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995

Captain Planet

M.A.N.T.I.S.

5:00 French Programme Fractales

4:00

4:30

5:30 Fruits Et Legumes Medical Magazine

Savoir Plus Santz Le Journal

7:15 Magazine Ushuaia News Headlines

You Bet Your Life 8:00

The Secret Of The Treasure Islands The Bold And The Beautiful 9:10 True Blue

10:00 News In English 10:30 Movie: "Vamping"

Starring: Patrick Duffy & Catherine Hyland 12:00 Never Come Back (Part I)

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995

Inspector Gadget 2:55 Ghost Writer 3:00 Tomorrow's World Amazing Stories 4:00 I Love Lucy 4:30 Tarzan French Programme 5:00 Fractales 5:30 Jeux Le Trophee Campus Le Journai 7:15 Magazine Sports Et Musiqui 7:30 News Headlines 7:35

Anything For A Laugh 8:00 Amazing Races

The Bold And The Beautiful 8:25 Star Trek — The Next Generation 10:00 News In English

10:25 Prism 10:45 Law And Order 11:30 The Silk Road

Hary Secretary arrent Manual throngs of a though she is it regul shough see is a regard the House to see her with Steach organ anne with Steach organ white wife of television The same state of the state of for her care week. to the term of term of term of the term of the term of Anarosa nie-tres

WiFLES - After on and .

Man Steenburger

Jary Stee

Tains I fruit my soil t WERE STORY OF THE PARTY OF THE Start Start Marie Control Control CHIEF THE CONTRACTOR STORY Sections .

Med to the tenter of range for the contract of the SERVICE TO SER

21 1 1 1 1 1 1 d 22 TO 1 8 TO 1 THE THE PARK 着。エマーフェ Turne manage in Turne

lazon en un B 1777 #P# 2 250 0 277.20 Marina Ariae Benefits To sh

process and the feet **65**7().... Court In the Court وتروان والمسالفة ا 医原体 计二十二次

> **医医**治证::: · Baylan Turk in strade

i lerrence For diane. - Marke Tramping en

Applications Ber in Bur ing Mayor See for or will the decision the General Name am nice : Tee-Table and filtrans on dipla, :as: iv ber handmaid Stre

का केंद्र व्यक्ति क child her husbard

h p_{aul Majendie} Reute-No More than seald? behalster

ta lame, Bond ritim and James Bond from
Ser laven's even been
sed in China yet
slowed movies have
slowed than \$2 billion
knowledge They used
in Knowledge viewing tempulson viewing as Bond killer

stellad bond staries d a million reale the chip — Post Box Inshman Pherce

to has stepped into Sinosi famous of the fin film Brosnan awa the age of 11 shows and he has effective electri-

in the role of ele-Mykiller Bond

me. Sean Connery F

See blaced for weeks

memational mobiling diminational publici-Ad its world preaic Hall on Mon. 13

Mary Steenburgen is famous wife but not so famous star

By Andrea Orr

emeration among tem. The task of derstanding that to build. Sadd eacemakers, by is of so man.

is of so many of

made to under

to change. But lo not lose sight and supervising Democratic value on an early

m an early age lk shows featur

selves and with ant. It is impo-in sound intel

derate of other

o important In the troat and rural

cure reasonable

social welfar

lemn assassing

; important 7

ciety and com

opportunity i

chievements it

seace and sen-

rtant, But to b

ant. And to be

his, honestly, a

, and began to

fit is nor por-

nade" in glas

best ways of

c, which mus /

e popularani -

ighly washed

w days before

way, bu wil neter, a film

юр will sella

e to enjoy ik

and do, kill

LOS ANGELES - After many films, a handful of blockbusters and an Academy Award, Mary Steenburgen remained something of an oddity among Hollywood stars - she could walk down the street without attracting throngs of fans.

Even though she is a regular visitor to the White House to see her old friends, Bill and Hillary Clinton, real fame is only just arriving with Steenburgen's latest role - real-life wife of television star Ted

Steenburgen says she gets more attention being seen with the star of the long-running television sitcom, Cheers, than she ever got from her own work.

"People come up to Ted because they think they know him," Steenburgen told Renters in a recent interview. "It was scary to me at first. I found myself being pretty shy about it."

Not that she is seriously bothered by her imsband's fame. Still basking in a newlywed glow, Steenburgen speaks like an adoring fan herself, praising his gentle ways and confessing that superstardom was never something that she pursued.

"I guess it used to mean something to me when I was a kid and would lie awake and dream about being famous because it would make you feel better about your-

"But since I've grown up and had all sorts of joys and heartaches that everyone else in the world has, it doesn't interest

In fact, she says, a certain lack of celebrity ambition has had its benefits. Some of her favourite roles have been in offbeat films she never would have taken had she thought about box office results, and, she has been able to work at her own pace and take time off to spend with her two children.

With a cumbersome name she never bothered to shorten for movie marquees, an unglamourous way of dressing, and now, a surprisingly small ring from her new husband, she lacks a certain star qual-

While some actors become household names with their first film, she remains, after more than 20 years in the business, a person most people have heard of but often can't place.

"I'm attracted to films that are not necessarily the most commercial things I'm offered. I often see a role and think that would probably be very good to do, but it isn't interesting to me. Small flamboyant roles interest me a lot."

Flamboyant may be an understatement and cheer them on," she said.

By Terrence Petty

The Associated Press

"She never hit. But she

could look at you and turn

you to ice," said the daugh-

ter of the German-born

screen siren, whose career

memorabilia and filmed

work went on display last

"I was her handmaid. She

Dietrich was adored by

movie audiences, but saw

Thursday.

was the queen."

BONN - Marlene Dietrich

was no Joan Crawford.



Mary Steenburgen

for her latest film, Powder, about an Albino youth with telekinetic powers, which opened last month around the United States.

Steenburgen plays a school principal who recognises the boy's phenomenal intelligence and sensitivity. She said she took the role partly because she has often worked to foster better race relations, and was intrigued with the notion of someone being an outcast because he is "too white."

Steenburgen supported herself working as a waitress in New York for six years while acting in small improvisational the-

Her film career was launched in 1978 after Jack Nicholson cast ber in Goin' South, over several more established

Two years later, she won an Oscar for best supporting actress in Melvin And Howard. Her other film credits include Time After Time — where she met her first husband Malcolm McDowell -What's Eating Gilbert Grape, Philadelphia, Back To The Future, Part III, Parenthood, and A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy.

Later this fall she will appear in Oliver Stone's Nixon, as the mother of the late conservative president, an irony considering that off stage she is an ardent support-er of more liberal causes and of her friends, the Clintons.

Steenburgen met the Clintons years ago at a party in her home state of Arkansas. and campaigned for them in 1992.

"He's like a brother to me," Steenburgen says of Mr. Clinton, smiling as she recalls how his presence at her wedding Jast month had the added benefit of clearing the air space overhead and keeping the press at bay.

"I've been really proud of them. It's really nice for them to have people who have known them forever, and don't need anything from them, who can listen to them

Stallone turns existentialist in new thriller

By Matt Wolf The Associated Press

LONDON — He has played the pugilist, the militia man, a comic book icon, a New York cop.

ln ĥis latest film, Assassins, Sylvester Stallone tries on the new cloak of existentialist. Playing a contract killer who wants out, he adds welcome shadings of reflection and regret to the man of action.

"I'm finished, I'm gone, I quit," sighs Stallone's Robert Rath near the end, preparing to cede the global hit man game to a new kid in town, Miguel Bain (Antonio Banderas).

But for Stallone, now 49 and anything but finished, Assassins suggests a fresh way forward - "it's action by way of Sartre," smiles the actor. Rambo was nothing like this.

The point of this outing, Stallone said, was "not to fall back on any cliches or habits formulated from (my) other films."

To be fresh at this particular point in a career, you have to re-evaluate who you are," he said, speaking expansively in an interview the afternoon following the

movie's world premiere. "You have to pretend like it's your first movie." For many, that pretense

will come as a welcome relief, since Stallone's first major movie - the Academy Award-winning 1976 Rocky — remains his

In between, he sang with Dolly Parton in Rhinestone; won the admiration of Ronald Reagan in Rambo; and partnered Estelle Getty in Stop, Or My Mom Will Shoot, a film he describes four years after its release as "horrible on every level."

More recent films — The Specialist with Sharon Stone among them --haven't significantly improved.

Most disconcerting was this summer's Judge Dredd, a would-be special effects olossus that turned out to be a colossal bore and has grossed less than half its nearly \$80 million budget in

orabilia belong to a massive

collection Ms. Riva has sold

As a child, Ms. Riva had

to accompany her mother on

tours around the world,

doing small tasks for the

"When I was a child, I

thought all children cleaned

(their mother's) shoes and

put them away," said Ms. Riva, author of an unflatter-

ing book about her mother.

Rather than attend

to the city of Berlin.

legendary chanteuse.

the United States to date. (Stallone says better overseas receipts will enable it eventually to break even.)

In the past, said Stallone, "I have taken mediocre projects in haste. I don't know if it's the out of work mentality that just won't dissolve, but I feel when I'm not working as though maybe something is slip-

ping by.
"Now, I am adamant let's just work with sophisticated filmmakers from now on or not at all, or I'll just direct it myself."

Referring indirectly to Danny Cannon, the young British director of Judge Dredd, Stallone said: "I can't work with kids that don't have the passion, the culture, or the knowledge." Assassins, happily, has all

three, as feistily directed by Richard Donner (Lethal Weapon) and photographed in a moody art house style by Oscar-winning camera-man, Vilmos Zsigmond (Close Encounters Of The Third Kind).

"I had doubts if I was ever going to get the opportunity to perform in a performance film as opposed to an action film," Stallone said.

"Then, Dick Donner said, 'I don't want your shirt off'; this is all about presence and state of mind, and if it works, it is going to send a message, finally.

Not that Stallone in any way passes the buck for the varying critical fortunes of his career. And in box-office terms, he has no worries, since his new deal with Universal Pictures will earn him a record \$20 million a

With Rocky, he said, "something happened to me that was unexpected. Everyone assumed I was Rocky, and I think my behavior off screen fed into that nice and neatly.

"My persona was crafted by myself, and I have only myself to blame for sending out that kind of street animal persona where people think, 'maybe he just got lucky — there can't really be that innate working intelligence.' "And then when I did try

emesses who were responsi-

stood up to the Nazis.

famous gams.

"A lot of people will come

to this exhibit to see the

glamour, and Dietrich's legs," said Ms. Riva, stand-

ing in front of a huge photo-

graph showing those

"But people should also

lietrich's daughter at new exhibit: 'I was her handn

believed in and how brave

latest movie Assassins in London

to reach out, I went in the

wrong direction. Instead of

Rhinestone, I should have

gone to something like

Coming Home" — he was

offered the role of the para-

plegic Vietnam veteran that

won Jon Voight an Oscar — "something very extreme."

Stallone was kept busy in

London while visiting for a

few days to hype his new movie, accompanied by

girlfriend Jennifer Flavin.

When not receiving jour-

nalists in a darkened room

at the Berkeley Hotel, he

was host of an Assassins

party at the local branch of

Planet Hollywood, one of

30 of a planned 100 such

ble for her education. She she was." Instead of hating her rarely got to be with other mother, Ms. Riva feels sorry But Ms. Riva said she for her because behind all admires her mother, because the glamour was a tragic life unlike most Germans she where true love proved elu-

> casting director Rudolf Sieber, Dietrich had a number of affairs with men and women. Ms. Riva said even as a child she knew what

was going on.
"My father did, I did,"

Though married to Berlin

said Ms. Riva.

Jim Dine.

Daylight

Dietrich's greatest love actress, Ms. Riva said. was French actor Jean Gabin, who broke the actress' heart by dumping

Sylvester Stallone arrives with Jennifer Flavin for the world premiere of his

eateries worldwide. (His

partners are Bruce Willis

and Arnold Schwarzeneg-

Before returning to Rome,

where he is shooting a new

thriller Daylight, Stallone

planned to stop by Sotheby's auction house to

preview some upcoming

sales of neoclassical paint-

ings and works by old mas-

ters --- his current passions.

contemporary collection.

explained Stallone, himself

hanging on to modern

works by Botero, Hockney,

Bacon, Diego Rivera and

"I've shed myself of my

an amateur artist, who is accounts for his shift in atti-

ger.)

her, Ms. Riva said. "I can't remember many times when she really had fun or enjoyed being rich. As a child I found it wonderful. But mother looked at it as if it was just part of being famous," said Dietrich's daughter, who

lives in Switzerland. Dietrich lived in an unreal world and her profession

"She bordered on the schizophrenic. There wasn't one Marlene Dietrich. There were 40 or 50. She could be the milkmaid, the siren, the

Stallone busy through

March, and a courtroom

drama by Taylor Hackford

(Dolores Claiborne) looms

us a possible project after

But Stallone said he

would happily do a Woody

Allen film, or low-budget

Miramax project, for next to

"I'm no longer jumping

into something because il

have this overwhelming

compulsion to work," he

said. Working on Assassins

working with people of ele-

vated stature in this busi-

no fee if the offers arose.

the mother role, but that was transient." At the museum exhibit is a moving expression of Dietrich's inner sadness.

lover, the cook. She played

It is a piece of paper, on which in 1980 Dietrich scrawled words from a Rainer Marie Rilke poem; "He who is now alone, will that way remain."

The daughter of a policeexhibit at Bonn's Art and schools, Ms. Riva had gov- learn what this woman her own child, her husband James Bond returns with new-look, new-man image

apartment.

and her male and female man, Dietrich had the world Exhibit Museum. The mem-

at her feet after she

renounced Nazi Germany in

1930 and moved to the

fame in movies like

Shanghai Express, Moroc-

co. The Blond Venus, and

The Flame Of New Orleans.

Lonely, addicted to sleep-

ing pills and to alcohol, the

90-year-old Dietrich died

three years ago in her Paris

Ms. Riva, who is 70, came

to Bonn to see the Dierrich

United States. She soared to

By Paul Majendie Reuter

LONDON - More than half the world's population has seen a James Bond film and they haven't even been released in China yet.

The 16 bond movies have made more than \$2 billion around the globe. They used to be compulsory viewing for Soviet KGB agents fascinated by Bond's killer gadgets.

Bikini-clad bond starlets launched a million male fantasies. The official James Bond fan club - Post Box No. 007 — boasts members from Fiji to Estonia.

Now Irishman Pierce Brosnan has stepped into the suave shoes of the world's most famous spy to star in Goldeneye.

The first film Brosnan ever saw at the age of 11 was Goldfinger and he has never forgotten the electrifying effect of Sean Connery in the role of elegant ladykiller Bond.

For me, Sean Connery was James Bond," Brosnan said as he braced for weeks on the international publicily treadmill promoting the there at New York's Radio City Music Hall on Nov. 13.

But he is equally flattering about Roger Moore, star of eight Bond films: "I realised that he had this wonderful irony and actually did an incredible job."

lovers as instruments to belp

create and preserve the leg-

end she became, said the

grown-up daughter, Maria

"Dietrich was a Prussian

soldier to the core and her

duty was the Dietrich leg-

end. Her lovers, her hus-

band and I served that

Few people dared to cross

Dietrich, she said, because

they feared the power that

duty," said Ms. Riva.

came with her fame.

Brosnan, who rehearsed the famous line "my name is Bond, James Bond" every morning while brushing his teeth, takes over from British actor Timothy Dalton, last seen in "Licence To Kill" in 1989.

Bond has a new-look. new-man nineties image. His boss is a woman classical actress Judi Dench has taken over as M and even castigates Bond, callhim a misogynist ing

New Zealand Director Martin Campbell kept a it must exist," said the forpolitically correct eye open mer KGB spy who switched for Bond.

"I think his attitudes are very nineties. There is no bimbo element in it at all. He certainly was sexist in past films. He is less so in this one," he said of the \$50 million movie filmed in Britain, Monte Carlo,

Russia and Puerto Rico. Dutch actress Famke Janssen plays a villain who squeezes her lovers to death with her thighs. But she says: "This is not anybody's bimbo. I try to bring my

intelligence to the part." However, Brosnan is quick to assure male chauvinist fans that political correctness did not run riot on

the set. "Bond still likes the girls but if a girl misbehaves, she'll get a thump. You know the plot won't work any other way. James Bond movies are pure fantasy and entertainment," he said.

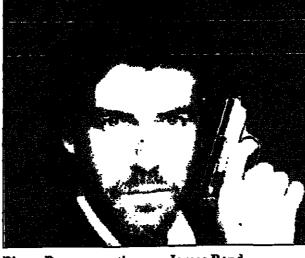
Real-life cold war double agent Oleg Gordievsky revealed that Bond's ingenious gadgets - from laser guns to killer pens - were the subject of KGB scrutiny in the old Soviet empire.

The technology was so advanced in Britain and the West that (they felt) some of

All 16 Bond films have made money. Thunderball was the top earner, grossing \$237 million.

The Dutch are the people who per capita have bought the most movie tickets to a Bond film. The Japanese above all love the gadgets and the beautiful women.

That is a long tradition dating back to the memorable day in 1962 when Ursula Andress walked out of the sea like a bronzed



Pierce Brosnan as the new James Bond

goddess in Dr. No. Shirley Eaton was covered

in gold paint for Goldfinger, Britt Ekland toted a gun. Grace Jones played the killer May Day.

In these days of Superman and Batman, merchandising is vital to a film's profitabil-

The U.S. department store Nieman Marcus featured in their catalogue 100 BMW open-top sportsters like the one Brosnan drives in Goldeneye. They were snapped up in 10 days. Bollinger was the official

who likes his vodka martinis shaken not stirred was being promoted on Smirnoff vodka.

And finally the song - no Bond film would be complete without one.

teamed up with Ireland's U2

Shirley Bassey recorded two of the most memorable Bond songs with Goldfinger in 1964 and Diamonds Are Forever in 1971. This time Tina Turner has

to belt out the song that could be heading into hit parades around the world as they said. the Bond box office tills Bond champagne for the start ringing again after six New York launch. The man years.

placed great demands on the Shanghai Film Festival ends with few deals, much hope

By Bradley Lee Agence France Presse

SHANGHAI — Hollywood made tentative steps into China's potentially lucrative film market last week with talk of partnerships and major deals in the works but there was little to show after two weeks in the "Cannes of the east".

Rumours about direct investment in the ailing Chinese film industry, coproductions, distribution agreements and building cinemas proliferated at the Shanghai second International Film Festival but few were taking any large deals home, industry

sources said. Phoenix Pictures President Mike Medavoy. who was born in Shanghai in 1941, left early last week amid rumours of a \$600million partnership with the

Shanghai Film Studio. Twentieth Century Fox said it had made a distribution deal on A Walk In The Clouds with the China Film Import and Export Corp.,

"There have been deals at this conference and there

formed," said Lisa Atkinson, programme director for an international film industry conference run by Los Angeles-based Celestial Media Organisation during the fes-

tival. Overseas Film Group sold distribution rights to Mad Dogs And Englishmen by British director Henry Cole to China Film Corp., which has a virtual monopoly over foreign films.

United International Pictures (UIP) announced the biggest deal of the festival, saying it had secured a profit-sharing deal on distributing three films -Apollo 13, the James Bond thriller Golden Eye and Hong Kong movie star Jackie Chan's upcoming Police Story 4 - with

China Film Corp. Frank Fan, China manager for UIP which is in a distribution joint venture with Hong Kong's Golden Harvest Films, said the films could reap box office receipts higher than 220 million yuan (\$26.5 mil-

lion) throughout China. The company, which dis-

Hollywood giants Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM), Paramount Pictures, United Artists and Universal Pictures Corp., brought U.S.-made film True Lies, starring Arnold Scharzenegger, to Chinese cinemas earlier in the year.

True Lies has been outstanding and has made over 90 million yuan," Fan said, adding "but frankly we don't know how much it has really made because it's still being released by China Film."

Fan would not give a specific breakdown of profits but said "in general it's around 40-60" in favour of China Film.

UIP also brought to China top grossing foreign film, Jackie Chan's Rumble In The Bronx, which made more than 95 million yuan nationwide, as well as Drunkenmaster II, and

Forrest Gamp. "We're coming into the market and we hope we can learn how big the market is. but right now we don't have any true figures on it," Fan

Hyland

395

Discoverer of Alzheimer's gene now says he knows how it causes damage

The Associated Press DURHAM, N.C. — The discoverer of a genetic trait linked to Alzheimer's says he has now figured out how the trait causes the disease by weakening the microscopic "plumbing" that carries nutrients to brain cells

and flushes out the waste. The new understanding offers numerous possibilities for the development of drugs that might not "cure" the disease but could delay it for 20 years, meaning most people would not live long enough to get it, said Dr. Allen Roses, chairman of the Neurology Depart-ment at Duke University Medical Centre.

Speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing, Dr. Roses also reported that people with the Alzheimer's gene are more likely than others to die after a bead injury, because of the weakened condition of their neurons,

The gene produces a substance called Apolipoprotein E4, or Apo E4, which shuttles cholesterol through

Dr. Roses's belief that Apo E4 is critical in Alzbeimer's puts him at odds with some other lead-

"No one disputes that E4 is important. E4 is a risk factor, not the cause," said Dr. Dennis Selkoe, a neurologist at Harvard Medical

Dr. Selkoe believes that E4 somehow changes the form of a substance called amyloid in the brain. The brains of Alzheimer's victims are laced with amyloid plaques, or deposits, that Dr. Selkoe and others believe are the central feature of Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Roses said he believes that amyloid is an incidental consequence of damage produced by Apo E4, and that amyloid is not central to the disease itself.

an increased risk of heart disease. In 1993, Dr. roses reported a link between Apo E4 and Alzheimer's.

About 2 per cent of Americans have two copies of the Apo E4 gene, giving them a 50 per cent chance of getting Alzheimer's before age 70. In contrast, for those with no copies of the Apo E4 gene, the risk of developing the disease does not rise to 50 per cent until after

one-third About Americans have one copy. which puts them at intermediate risk.

An estimated 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, and 100,000 die of it every year. It is the fourth leading cause of death in adults after heart disease, cancer and strokes. It usually strikes after age

The idea that Apo E4 is related to Alzheimer's disease emerged from research weaken, Dr. Roses said.

Vaccine fights lung cancer

For years, Apo E4 had on families with inherited been known to be linked to forms of the disease. Dr. forms of the disease, Dr. Roses said. Researchers were stymied by a pesky laboratory contaminant that was distorting their results.

> Out of frustration, they purified the contaminant and discovered that it was Apo E. Subsequent research showed that of the various forms of Apo E, Apo E4 the risk of Alzheimer's disease, while Apo E2 was protective.

> The most recent work shows that Apo E helps stabilise and strengthen tiny structures called microtubules, which carry nutrients to the cells and dispose

> Apo E2 does the job well, but Apo E4 does not. The weakened microtubules become less efficient carriers of nutrients and waste, and the brain cell begins to

New Hope for Men Suffering from Enlarged Prostates

Study shows progressive enlarging of prostate can be stopped, even reversed with drugs

COPENHAGEN (Agencies) — A major new study published in Urology shows that the enlargement of the prostate gland known as Hyperpasia (BPH), a progressive disease which often requires long-term

management, can be treated effectively with the widely prescribed drug Finasterida. "BPH is one of the most common diseases in men,

but conventional non-surgical therapies provide only symptomatic relief. Conventional medical therapy does not stop the ongoing enlargement of the prostate gland which causes the condition," said Professor Jens Thorup Andersen, Chair of the steering committee for the study, in announcing the publication of the results. Results from

Scandinavian Study on Reduction of the Prostate (SCARP) have shown that treatment with the drug Finasteride produced a sustained, significant decrease in prostate size as providing symptomatic improvement

"Our study proves for the

placebo-controlled trial that enzyme called 5-alpha Finasteride offers sufferers symptom relief as well as the chance to deal with the fundamental cause of their BPH long-term, rather than looking solely for a shortterm improvement in symptoms." continued Professor Andersen.

Treatment Target Cause of BPH

BPH is a progressive disease which affects over half of all men over the age of 60. This non-malignant growth of the prostate gland slowly obstructs normal urine flow, causing symptoms such as greater frequency and night-time urination, urine stream hesiand dribbling. Conventional non-surgical treatments for BPH are only able to relieve some of the troublesome symptoms of the disease, but in many men the symptoms recur as the disease continues to progress, and as the prostate gland continues growing.

Research has shown that terone is converted to DHT reductase. Medical therapy with Finasteride blocks this conversion process and suppresses levels of DHT by approximately 60-70 per cent without reducing normal levels of testosterone.

Finasteride is the only drug licensed for use in BPH which acts in this way on a key underlying cause of the disease.

The Scandinavian study published today has now confirmed that treatment with Finasteride not only provides symptomatic relief also unequivocally demonstrates that treatment with Finasteride can stop prostatic observed in men of this age group. In the multicenter trial, 707 men with moderate symptoms of BPH were randomised to either placebo or Finasteride for a period of two years, with regular evaluation visits. Results showed that:

Prostate Size Reduced. The average size of the prostate gland fell by a fifth after two years in the treated Finasteride. Over the same period, the placebo-treated group showed an increase of 11.5 per cent in prostate

- Symptoms Improved. Total symptom score (an assessment of symptom severity made by the patients) improved significantly in the Finasteride group from 8 months onwards. The men receivplacebo, however. showed an initial transient improvement but then deteriorated to below baseline by the end of the Two-year

orrors sei

the least the

e@ or an occi

₹ 5 X

23 KKK 2: 2: ---

B 100 - ----

ing of the second

े व्यक्त का किस्ता के 7 की .

gyst transer.

विकास विकास सम्बद्धाः स्थापन

MARCE TONOR

S digressed a se-

a with the frame

quantum and a

timed very good

the -981.2.12r.

at and sequips that

of and inclinations

a whiering 1474

M provided docu-

domination cen-

Rolling Khone

rad which give evi-

of their crimes. Me

at and The Islamic set for Change is found, forces combut cars and pedesbut the area around in Office for the Programager of the Saudi and John of Guard.

presid ("Feed

Guardsmen de-

Abhonshood

· sees forei

3.55 - - 3-

rando and and and

Less Intervention Required. Significantly fewer Finasteride group required intervention treatment than

in the placebo group. Prostate surgery was needed in nine of the men receiving placebo, but in none of the Finasteride-treated men. Fifteen men given placebo and only four receiving Finasteride needed catheterisation for acute uninary retention. Even though this is not a primary endpoint, but shown in a post hoc analysis, it should be

regarded as definitive. Our results show that Finasteride can halt — and even reverse - the progression of BPH, and that this improvement is maintained over an extended period," said Professor Peter Ekman of the Karolinska Institute,

in mouse experiment over the two-year period. the development of BPH The double-blind, placebodepends on a combination men By Joanne Kenen aged to isolate and controlled trial was carried of aging and on the hormon but the metastasis or nise the dangerous tumour cells and fight reproduce a small proout in over 700 men awith dihydrotestosterons (DHT). Reuter WASHINGTON — An spread. Even when doctein fragment or peptide moderate BHP symptoms. The male hormone testos-

researchers

experimental vaccine has helped protect mice against a form of lung cancer, and has also prevent the spread of tumours in the lab animals, scientists

Other described the findings. published Wednesday in the journal Nature Medicine, as exciting but cautioned that an experimental technique that shows promise in mice does not necessarily herald a oreakunrougn in creatment of human cancers.

The research team at Weizmann

SHEER POETRY

ACROSS

By Harold B. Counts

Diagramless, 17 X 17

By Francis Burton

in a type of lung cancer called Lewis Carcinoma. They then vaccinated

mice with the peptide, and exposed them to cells. cancer tumours did not develop. Similarly, mice who already had tumours did not suffer a spread or

"The mice have been rendered immune to the Weizmann Gideon Berke, who helped supervise the vaccine project, said in a tele-phone interview from

tors operate and think they have removed the whole tumour, just a few cells can escape and establish themselves in the body, spreading the

"The primary cancer is usually not the (lifethreatening) problem. relapse after surgery when vaccinated. metastatic disease that kills the patient," Dr. Berke said.

"Therefore there is tremendous interest. when cancer is first diagnosed, to come in with an injection that will create a state of response," be able to find the human he said, explaining that counterpart to the mouse The most dangerous the goal was to create a Institute of Science man- part of cancer is not the vaccine that will help the

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Although

elsewhere are working on vaccines that could potentially treat melanoma, cervical cancer and other human tumours, Dr. Berke said this peptide approach could eventually apply to several human cancers.

However, he and other scientists were careful to point out that each cancer is different, and a peptide that may work against lung cancer would probably not be effective against other forms. In addition, it is not peptide and make a vac-

'Laughter is great but elusive medicine'

By Allen Nacheman Agence France Presse

OXFORD, England — Robert Holden, psychologist and laughter specialist, tells of a bizarre epidemic that began in a rural schoolhouse in the Bukoba district Tanganyika, central

A teacher's banal remark got a couple of children giggling, and pretty soon the entire classroom was chuck-

Those in adjacent classrooms heard laughter through the walls, and began to laugh, and pretty soon everyone — pupils and teachers — were laughing uncontrollably, and school was adjourned.

"Remember, virtually none of them had a clue why they were laughing." Dr. Holden said in an interview, recounting a report in the Central African Journal of Medicine. "It was delinous laughter turning contagious."

home laughing and when their parents saw them, they, too, were infected. "Next day, they were all laughing so hard that nobody was able to go to

school or work," Dr. Holden

Then the children went

said. The entire village was infected. Over a period of two weeks it spread to

neighbouring villages. "Finally the Red Cross was called in because people were collapsing from exhaustion and dehydration. There have been similar incidents in Africa, but this was the longest laughter epidemic on record."

And as Dr. Holden is telling this, he begins to laugh.

And his interviewer begins to laugh also. And each asks the other what's so funny. But neither can say.

"This is incredible," says the psychologist who set up Britain's first National Health Service (NHS) Laughter Clinic. "Wouldn't it be terrific if

this were something we could get from a pill or an injection? I'd love it. That would just be wonderful." Unfortunately, says Dr. Holden, while laughter is

itself medicinal — one of his books is entitled, Laughter, The Best Medicine — it cannot be prescribed.

Nor is it as spontaneous or infectious in the West as in the Third World, where more than the sum of

"they don't have our neuroses about always being in control and coping.

We're all born with the capacity to laugh, he says. It's just that in the West we are told early on not to. "One of the saddest things that happens to us in life, he says, is that at around the

age of six or seven, we are told by teachers in school to stop laughing and be seri-Research has shown that children smile on average 400 times a day, adults only

15. Children laugh 150 times a day, but by the time they grow up it's down to "There is something wholesomely anarchistic

about laughter," he said. You cannot be controlled when you're laughing. It's easy to control a miserable

So Dr. Holden, in books. Laughter Clinic, international seminars, and as stress consultant to the BBC. NHS. Citibank, Sony UK, British Telecom, the Body Shop and other firms, endeavours to teach folks to grow back their amputated funny bones.

It's not easy, he says. Far

mouth, tongue and throat noises which embody it, laughter, like love, is the most baffling of phenomena. Trying to get a grip on it is to wrestle with clouds.

"It's totally illogical," he says. "The harder you work at it the more elusive it

"Laughter is a symptom of joy and happiness," he do is try to teach people how to be more joyful, happier, less stressful. We help them to define what happiness is for them. It's different for everybody.

There is hard medical evidence, he says, that laughing relaxes muscle tension and reduces stress in the human nervous system.

"We breathe deeper when we laugh, inhale more oxygen, increase blood flow throughout the body. And when we laugh, the body releases endorphin chemicals, the body's natural pain-killers."

In other words, laughing makes you feel good.

"It can't solve situations for you," says the psychologist. "But it can position you better to handle them. That's the key."

and older in four American

Dr. William Catalona, a

urologist at Washington

University in St. Louis, said

the Mayo Clinic findings

"People have been look-

ing almost with horror ... at

should be reassuring.

Mayo researchers say rise in prostate cancers due to screening

By Lindsey Tanner The Associated Press CHICAGO — The number of diagnosed cases of

prostate cancer are rising not necessarily because of any decline in the health of American men, but because of a new blood test that can detect the disease early on, researchers say.

The findings should be reassuring to men, said Dr. Steven J. Jacobsen, who reported the findings in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The increase in diagnosed cases of prostate cancer "means it's probably not something out in the environment, something that we're doing lifestyle-wise. It's probably just due to the testing," he said. "We're detecting cases that had not previously come to medical attention.

The new PSA, or prostatespecific antigen, test can detect cancers that would otherwise have gone undiagnosed.

The test, introduced in 1987 but not approved for

screening until 1994, detects a prostate-produced protein. Elevated levels are a possible indicator of cancer, though a follow-up ultrasound and biopsy are used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Annual PSA screening for prostate cancer - the nation's second-leading cancer killer of men — is now recommended for men 50 and older.

Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, examined the incidence of prostate cancer several years before and after the test was introduced and found the incidence to more than triple between 1983 and 1992]

Led by Dr. Jacobsen, an epidemiologist, they looked at 511 cases diagnosed in those nine years in Olmsted County, Minnesota, home of the Mayo Clinic. The age-adjusted inci-

dence of prostate cancer increased from 64 per 100,000 people in 1983 to 215 per 100,000 in 1992. The largest increase

occurred in 1988, when there was a doubling from the disease among men 65 1987, the year PSA testing was introduced. Among men 70 and older, the incidence declined after 1990, indicating that PSA testing helping diagnose patients at a younger age, the researchers said

Because most residents in the county are white and class. researchers cautioned that the findings might not apply to all settings.

But the results are similar to a recent National Cancer Institute study of the incidence of prostate cancer from 1986 to 1991.

That study, reported in the Feb. 15 issue of the journal. said increased detection decades before definitive through PSA screening answers are at hand," they probably explains an 82 per wrote.

ANSWERS

sustained."

1. Tongue of a boot.

2. Candlestick 3. Horseshoe 4. River's mouth 5. Foot of a mountain.

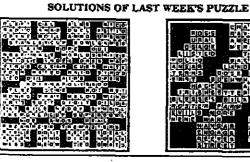
Magon said Tues-Abose who detonated with had free access to shap los next to the simply to for the simply to for him to for him to for hime. the dramatic increases," Dr. Catalona said. "If prostate cancers are detected earlier, 70 to 100 kitogin younger men," the Migh explosive increase "is not going to be who was killed lok in the building's But Dr. Jacobsen and colestinians cel leagues cautioned that it's still unclear whether early detection translates into better survival rates. "It will probably be

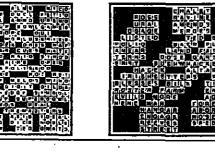
awd (1010 bade 1) al Rahm cald refer.

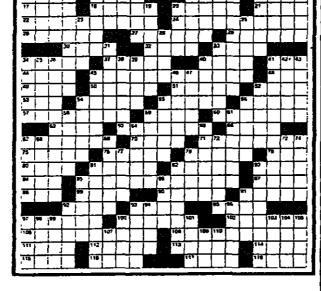
As 1994 launch of accx

and the Gaza Strip

We Control Jenin ic a dedd Mr Abdul having taken nea cocoding and Jencho nea cocoding Mr Abdul has nen







Last Week's Cryptograms Genetics professor proudly promotes a program to produce profuse progeny from many endangered animals.

Many poets despair that no word in our English language rhymes with orange. 4. Sadly, to compete today, you must be able to compute.

CRYPTOGRAMS I.PTWK DJQEA HJD WCLBCW MTW JPE HOWTERWS: BRECTEN CHTYDYUKW CJ LUU ERTAMHJEMJJS YMTUSEKE.

RIXEU, UROFRU. SFOD OYX SRRK IREXPAUXE QYR'C ORDFUA OR TREX QFOY RZK XCAJFCY CSZJJFUA. AORU DAYZ SNP OKVAX NBDLO SUNLOVELY

BNAVAX NLOLTA PNZM VM RKNO EDTYDHM

2.YXPAYO. MFOX: EHEMJX, JEZAYEMJX:

4.KIN'Z KITCHCN: OMA RIC'E ETAZE "!

Ostate

toms Improved otom score is of sympton nade by the aproved significant the Finasiend m 8 month

bo, however initial transer. at but then dee. below baselite of the Two-Intervention Significant) en group require

treatment the lacebo group e men receivis treated mer given placet four receiving needed catheles acute uningn ven though the mary endpour in a post ho

t should b definitive. ults show the can balt — ag — the progrei, and that the it is maintaine ended period or Peter Ekne

cine' gue and dan h embody

e love, is g of phenot get a gripa. with clouk y illogical is arder you wil iore elusiti is a symptom happiness." we can really

) teach people ore joyful. 📭 essful. We help oe what happ em. It's differbody. rd medical evi ys, that laugh nuscle tension stress in the us system. e deeper when nale more oxy e blood flow he body ^{And} ugh, the body

orphin chemiody's natural ords. laughing el good olve situations s the psycholo handle them

n

in incidence of mong men 65 our American Catalona. 8 Washington St Louis, said linic findings suring.

e been look "If prostate tected earlier. men, the or going 10 be bsen and col-

med that it's whether early lates into her

probably be re definitive hand." the

Khmer Rouge ring horrors set for the Internet

By Leo Dobbs

PHNOM PENH - A U.S.funded team investigating the crimes of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime hopes to make the evidence of mass murder available on the Internet for the benefit

of scholars, prosecutors and

relatives of the dead. The wealth of material will include haunting photographs of the victims of a torture centre and their final confessions, maps of mass graves and prisons, biographies of Khmer Rouge leaders and rare internal documents of the reviled 1975-79 regime.

The Cambodia Genocide Programme (CGP) has set up a local nongovernmental organisation called the Documentation Centre which has started compiling bibliographic, geographic, biographic and photographic databases, project consultant Helen

"We're hoping that the database will be available on the Internet," the Australian academic said in a recent interview, adding that a home page had been prepared but "we wouldn't expect to be doing that (with the Internet) until

Rare material set for inclusion includes minutes of the "party centre" euphemism for the Khmer Rouge politburo — from 1975 and 1976 and the historically valuable archives of Pol Pot's commerce ministry, said Ms. Jarvis.

"It's the only ministry archive that we've come across, we suspect there might be more," said the documentation consultant to Yale University's Cambodia Genocide Programme (CGP), which is funded by a \$500,000 U.S. State

Mr. Jarvis has begun the database with 200 documents from the trial in absentia of Pol Pot and his right-hand man leng Sary, which was conducted in 1979 by the socialist regime installed by Hanoi the same year and sentenced the two to death for genocide.

Department grant for 1995-

CGP plans to augment this database with confessions extracted from Pol Pot's victims at the Tuol Sleng, or S-21, torture centre in Phnom Penh, papers from a provincial prison, the commerce archives and material discovered else-

where or yet to be found. "Now we're collecting more documents here... we're received very good cooperation from the government," the Australian humanity and genocide.
The CGP's work also academic said, adding that ministries and individuals. including co-premier Hun

Sen, had provided docu-The documentation centre is particularly keen on records of the Khmer Rouge prepared by them-selves and which give evidence of their crimes, Ms.

Jarvis said, explaining that "killing of Khmers is within our mandate."

"We ask everybody and look everywhere we can," said the senior lecturer at the University of New South Wales, adding that there might be documents in Vietnam that could be "immensely important for a historian... vital."

Victnamese forces invaded Cambodia in Decem-ber 1978 and the following month ousted a regime that was responsible for the early deaths of an estimated one million people and some suspect the invaders took thousands of documents to Hanoi.

Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge cadre who told the CGP "he took some documents with him" on fleeing to Vietnam in 1977, has asked Hanoi to return all evidence of the Khmer Rouge terror.

The Internet service will also carry harrowing photo-graphic portraits of up to 5,000 of the estimated 20,000 political enemies of Pol Pot who were tortured at Tuol Sleng before being trucked out to their deaths in the nearby killing fields.

"You bring up the picture on the computer screen and... if you know the identity of the person, tell us," Ms. Jarvis said, explaining that anyone recognising loved ones could write the name and send it in on the network to CGP in complete confidence.

The project received a further boost in September when the Australian government donated \$20,000 "for mapping genocide sites, the graves, the prisons throughout the country. They will use

documentary evidence in tandem with satellite data, a Computerised Geographic Information System (GIS) and possibly remote sensing to back charges that atrocities were systematically conducted nationwide.

The CGP team, which won the grant against a strong field, sees the main aim of its work as helping to further understand the Khmer Rouge Period and mentality while fully aware that if a decision is taken to prosecute, its material would be crucial.

Ms. Jarvis said that documentation is "an underpinning for the research or any legal prosecution."
Lawyers hired by the

U.S. State Department to look at possible legal op-tions for making Khmer Rouge leaders accountable for the horrors of the late 1970s, say there is enough evidence to try them on charges of crimes against

embraces training of Cambodians and research for publication, including studies on the experiences of different regions and and Buddhist monks, under Khmer Rouge rule.

IN THE heart of Israel a hopeful cult has appeared, dedicated to the blood of Yitzhak Rabin and complete with places of pilgrimage, shrines, texts, and even holy relies like the stained copy of the Song of Peace pierced by the assassin's bullet. Secular Israel

has found its passion play. Many Israelis believe that Mr. Rabin's death has revivified Israeli secular society, awoken it to a sense of its values, and given it a martyr figure around which to create a new coherence. The illuminated signs which have sprung up in Tel Aviv overnight demanding that "Peace should continue" are a witness not so much to any specific readiness to work harder to reach agreement with the Palestinians as to this reinvigoration. In the real peace process, large obstacles remain. But peace is the motto of a secular Israel reclaiming its ground from the religious right, and has united the tentative political operators of the Labour Party with

have finally joined forces.

In a country where religious extremism musters so much certainty, as the deadly coolness of the young assassin showed in court, the secular majority needed the emotional and in its way also religious - direction that the killing has brought. When the Square of the Kings of Israel is renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square, at the urging of a Likud mayor of Tel Aviv, secular Israel will, in effect, have beatified the old soldier and politician.

Mr. Rabin, except for the manner of his death, was not a likely saint. But his fate reminded Israelis of what had been lost over the years and what challenges to their tradition they had been prepared to tolerate for the sake of a quiet life or

the demonstrators who

used to spurn them. Peace

Now and Peace Sometimes

The middle classes are out of their rut for the first time for years," the radical journalist Haim Baram says, "and there is a cult around which to organise, a great man to revere, sacred places in our cities to protect and defend." Others speak of "groping for forms of mourning" and the re-surgence of the "religion of blue jeans and guitars" as young Israelis in particular converge on the sites, the square and the town hall in Tel Aviv, the prime minister's office and house in Jerusalem. The huge attendance of foreign leaders at Mr. Rabin's funeral has reinforced that "cult." The dismall but often performed Israeli song The Whole World Is Against Us has been replaced, thanks

(Continued from page 12)

leading us nowhere'.'

tion'... 'we are the victims of

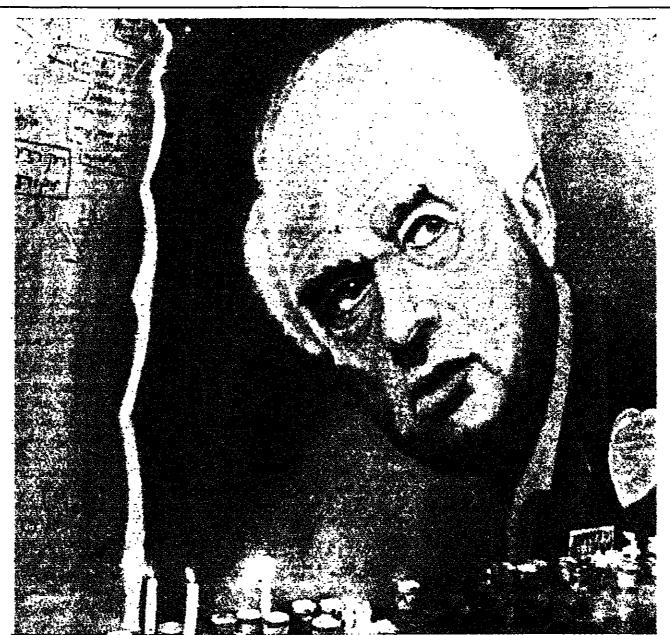
a lunatic, of a man who is

home, Arafat was very warm.

to the state funeral on Nov.

"During the visit to our

for politicaal advantage.



Flickers of hope

Martin Woollacott reports that secular Israel is awakening and already beginning to recover moral ground from the religious right

in part to this enormous show of respect, with the Song of Peace, the anti-war lyric by a soldier on the Sinai frontline more than 20

years ago.
Israelis have felt the long unaccustomed touch of international solidarity. "In three and a half days," says Baram, "this country has changed as much as in 10 years." In his view this means that the floating voters of Israel, from the relatively well-off, pragmatic centre, wili vote for Labour in any election. Some will do it because of that pragmatism, some because they see themsevies as citizens of the world, and many more because Mr. Rabin's death

has given Labour and its

but on Thursday secretly

visited the Rabin family

home in a Tel Aviv suburb to

Yasser Arafat are part of his

style, and come from two

vears of day and night nego-

tiations to advance the peace

Asked whether she was

prepared to be a candidate on

the Labour list in next year's

general elections, she said

she was "not ready to commit

to stay at home and let my

Amnon Rubinstein has urged

pupils and parents to turn in

teachers who try to spread

extremist right-wing views in the classroom, officials said

Wednesday. Mr. Rubinstein told :

education committee that

they should "not be afraid"

to report any teachers mak-

ing inflammatory remarks af-

ter the assassination of Mr.

be suspended.

report them.

in this country.

been checked out.

He promised they would

"In the past pupils and

parents have been afraid to

report cases because certain

teachers have spread terror in

the classroom." spokesman Joshua Amishav told AFP.

"If there are still people

who have not understood

that they should keep quiet in

the current circumstances

then we want pupils and pa-

rents not to be afraid to

is to prepare for other dramas

He said the ministry was

investigating three teachers

who voiced support for the

assassination. But he gave no

details until the complaints

from different schools have

"To be afraid of the fascists

voice be heard from there.

"For the moment I prefer

Israeli Education Minister

'These declarations of

present his condolences.

process." she said.

herself."

Woman held in Rabin case

policies a heroic dimension. Attacks by Hamas and Islamic Jihad will not, he believes, much inhibit that tendency. They will also be likened much more openly, as they never were before,

with Jewish terrorism. The view of Israel put forward by many observers in recent years has been of a society making more and more money, busily privatising state assets and scaling down trade unions and social services along lines first laid down in Europe and America. The majority of people lived their increasingly individual lives. Many were religious but in the largely private way that had become standard in the

West. In a sense they embodied the Zionist aim that Israel would eventually become a normal country, except that in their quest for normalcy they avoided paying more than intermittent attention to the other Israel evolving.

The growing minority was critical of this allegedly hedonistic Israel and found its values in fundamentalist religion. One side shopped, the other prayed, fought, and sometimes killed. According to David Landau, author of a respected book on fundamentalist religion, the most notable way in which secular Israel neglected its own values was in its consistent refusal to try to understand and

counter the religious right. This was so even as the national orthodox groups moved into institutions where they had previously been under-represented, like the army. The advance of the religious right was much less to do with parliamentary arithmetic, although that admittedly gave religious parties much leverage, than it was, Mr. Landua believes, with "secular Israel's constant repression of its consciousness of the different mind set of the religious right."

"I sometimes feel a more intellectually sincere attempt to understand Islamic fundamentalism has been made here," he says,

"than has been made to understand Jewish fundamentalism. It was not a question of the ultraorthodox, the people with funny clothes," who in any case were mainly neutral on territorial questions, "but of the ones that are part and parcel of life in the office, the shop, and the universi-ty." Mr. Landau speaks of what he knows, since his own son was a classmate of Rabin's assassin at Bar-Ilan University. The assassin, Mr. Landau stresses, did not come out of any truly extreme background but from the "ordinary Modern Orthodox movement, whose youth wing is the biggest in Israel.

The partly veiled argument between the two main parties, in which Labour suggests that Likud created an atmosphere of incitement to murder, and Likud suggests that Labour provoked murder is thus irrelevant." The truth, Mr. Landau believes, is that one party played with a religious right that used them rather than the other way round, while the other preferred to ignore the probem. The historian Yehoshua Porath notes, like others, that at recent Likud public meetings, "the crowd controlled Likud. not Likud the crowd," and the crowd was virtually to a man from the religious

The issue of Jewish religious extremism was ducked after the Hebron massacre: It could be ducked again by two parties for whom, it is, in different ways, political dynamite. The peace process is even more problematical since, even with Mr. Rabin in place, the problems of a final agreement, which in-clude not only settlements but the status of Jerusalem and, most critical of all, the right of return, were always going to be huge.

The sense of a shift of direction in Israel is nevertheless heartening. Those who urge that there should be no more playing od games with religious extremists are being heard out. Those who say that even if a final settlement with the Palestinians is difficult to envisage, it is worth taking some more steps in the darkened room, are having their say. Those who want to be in the world rather than against it are in the ascendant. But what could turn out to be the most important change of all is that, secular Israel has a renewed creed, marked out through the land by the little blue tins in which the memorial candles burn, around which to rally.

He hugged my children and grandchildren and said that different sectors of society, from now on we were part of his family," Mrs. Rabin said. Mr. Arafat was not invited such as women, Muslims

(Continued from page 1)

U.S. sees foreign role in Saudi blast

the Gulf' and "The Islamic Movement for Change." Saudi security forces continued to bar cars and pedestrians from the area around the U.S. Office for the Programme Manager of the Saudi Arabian National Guard. National Guardsmen de-

ployed immediately around the site while police patrolled the neighbourhood. The Pentagon said Tuesday that those who detonated bomb had free access to the parking lot next to the building where they left a van

loaded with 70 to 100 kilogrammes of high explosives. The Indian who was killed was a cook in the building's cafeteria. An official Saudi spokesman said the authorities will announce information as soon as it becomes available and is verified.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA said the bomb attack was predictable because of the problems facing

the kingdom. IRNA, citing an unidentified expert on the Middle East, said that "violation of human rights and widespread social and cultural discrimination" were commonplace in Saudi Arabia.

·Given the numerous problems facing the country. the emergence of such a crisis is not surprising," it said. IRNA did not explicitly refer to the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia that is repeatedly denounced by Tehran.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has phoned King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and expressed regret over the bomb attack, his spokesman said.

He said Mr. Assad also expressed "Syria's keen interest in the security of the sisterly Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia. He said that King Fahd "thanked ... (Assad) for his sympathies and his interest in the security of the kingdom and its people."

Palestinians celebrate 'independence'

(Continued from page 1)

on the geographical map," Mr. Abdul Rahim said referring to the accord which led to the May 1994 launch of autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Today we control Jenin after already having taken control of Gaza and Jericho. Tulkarem, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron and Jerusalem will follow," Mr. Abdul Rahim added.

He thanked Mr. Peres "for being committed to the peace process and implementing the second phase of the accord on Palestinian auton-

omv. Israeli police said Israel is to evacuate its police station in Nablus on Thursday as it nears the end of 28 years of

occupation. The 60 policemen in Nablus are to be withdrawn to the nearby Jewish settlement of Mevo Horon, said Moshe Levy, a senior police officer in the West Bank. He said Israeli police

would soon also be pulled out

of Tulkarem. Israeli soldiers on Tuesday loaded equipment out of their headquarters in Nablus into three waiting trucks and transferred control of the nearby prison of Farah.

According to Palestinian officials, the pullback from Nablus is due to be completed by Dec. 17.

Militants claim Egyptian killing

(Continued from page 12) attached to Egyptian embas-

sies worldwide. Alaeddin Nazmi, 42, a trade counsellor at the Egyptian U.N. mission, was shot six times late Monday in the basement car park of his apartment building in Geneva. Swiss authorities have

launched a murder inquiry. "A death sentence had been issued against him and the forces of the martyr Abdullah Azem carried out

the sentence by killing him with bullets," the group said. Azem, a Palestinian, was one of the leading Islamic tighters who went to Afghauistan to fight occupying Soviet troops before he was killed in 1988.

The statement warned that other death sentences had been passed against those "involved in the pursuit of Muslim clerics and the sons meeting of the parliament's of the Islamic movement, and who have incited the governments in the countries where they live to take action by accusing the Islamic move-

ment of terrorism." It said it would target members of Egyptian diplomatic mis aons abroad involved in "edious acts contrary to Islam" that led to young Muslims being tried before military courts and sentenced to death.

"The duty of the Gamaa of International Justice is to put

lent campaign to overthrow the Egyptian government in March 1992 that has cost a total of 912 lives so far.

an end to the injustice against Muslims, wherever it comes tions, anywhere in the world and against any authority threatening Muslims," it Militants launched a vio-

The media in Cairo have often accused Switzerland of providing asylum for Egyptran fundamentalists, a charge Swiss authorities have

repeatedly denied. Sources close to Egyptian security services believe a leader of the militant Jihad organisation, Ayman Al Zawahri, was behind the attack. The Egyptian press says Zawahri, was behind the attack. The Egyptian press says Zawahri lives in Switzerland, out the Swiss

authorities deny it. It is the third time an armed Egyptian militant group has claimed an attack abroad.

The largest group, the Gamaa Islamiyah, claimed a car-bomb attack in Croatia in October and a failed attempt to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia

in June.
The MENA news agency in Egypt said Nazmi, who is survived by his wife and a daughter, had served in a number of diplomatic missions, including Washington and Hamburg. He had been stationed in Geneva since January 1994. Egyptian Ambassador to

Switzerland Mounir Zahran said Nazmi was robbed of his briefcase but the theft could have been a "camouflage" to hide the real reasons for the killing.

The diplomat was hit by six bullets after parking his car in the underground garage of the apartment building where he lived with his wife and four-month-old baby girl. Mr. Zahran told the Swiss

news agency the briefcase contained mostly documents relating to Nazmi's work at the U.N. Conference Trade and Development (UN-CTAD) and a plane ticket for Morocco where he was meant to attend a trade seminar on Tuesday.

"All trails are still open." Mr. Zahran said. Nazmi's body was disco-

vered at 11 p.m. by another resident in the building.

Associations cry foul

(Continued from page 1) way to maintain their be-

nefits," he said. The prime minister insisted, however, that associations should not play the role of political parties. ...You cannot use these

institutions (the associations) to further your political aims and your parties' aims," he said, adding that any measure the government would take to achieve its goal would comply with the law and the democratic orientation of the

But the opposition parties said they will not accept any interference in the associations' role, urging all professional groups to unite on the basis of the programme adopted by the national conference for protecting the homeland and fighting normalisation. That conference, which was stated for last May, was never held, due to a government ban on it, but there was a statement prepared for the end of the conterence which reaffirmed the opposition parties' stand against the peace agreement

"Protecting the professional unions is tantament to protecting the Constitution and the citizen's basic rights, democracy as well as protecting the country's independence in light of the implementation of the Wadi Araba treaty (the Oct. 26, 94 peace

parties' statement said. The parties reiterated their rejection of the peace treaty. which they insisted is not binding on them or the Jordanian people. "Protecting the country

agreement)," the opposition

and fighting normalisation with the enemy is a task for all the people. There is no alternative but to unite around that in these difficult times." the statement said.

The number of opposition parties which reject the peace process was reduced from 11 to nine after three of them, the Social Democratic Party, the Arab Democratic Party, and the Progressive Democratic Party, merged to form the Democratic Unionist Party, which was among the signatories to the statement.

Long U.S. budget

(Continued from page 1)

due Wednesday by drawing up to \$61.3 billion from two

federal retirement funds. The action also would enable treasury operations to continue until Jan. 2, when additional measures would be needed to avoid default.

*These actions are extraordinary, they are costly in many ways, but using this authority is immesurably pre-ferable to default." Mr.

Rubin said. "This is no way for a great nation to mange its financial affairs," he added.

The government shutdown was set in motion by presidential vetoes of bills lifting the debt ceiling and authorising stop-gap funding, but also containing budget-cutting provisions that the White House said were unaccept-

By Tuesday, the Republi-cans had reduced their demands to a commitment by the president to "the princiof approving a bill balancing the budget in seven years. But the White House held fast in the budget talks.

presidential victory last May.

ing public deficits is a prere-

quisite for his "priority of

priorities" - unemployment.

It is also essential if France is

to meet criteria needed for

joining a European single

Mr. Juppe said the 1996

deficit would be cut from an

estimated 61 billion francs

(\$12.2 billion) to 17 billion

francs. The system would be

in surplus by 1997, given continued economic growth, Mr.

Juppe said.
The prime minister said

that a special and temporary

effort would be asked of doc-

But elements within Mr.

Juppe's ruling rightwing

coalition have serious re-

servations about his reform

package. Former premier

Edouard Balladur had

warned against excessive new

levies, stressing that the de-

ficit must be cut by making

economies rather than new

On Wednesday, the prime

minister appealed to Mr. Bal-

ladur and his supporters to

back the reforms. Mr. Juppe

heeded criticism from Mr.

Balladur by postponing ap-plication of the new allo-

wance for the dependent

Mr. Juppe will also face

elderly until Jan. 1, 1997.

attacks from the labour unions, who staged a day of

action Tuesday which saw

tens of thousands of protes-

tors take to the streets in

France's biggest indepen-

dent union, Force Ouvriere

some 80 cities nationwide.

tors and the drug industry.

currency in 1999.

Mr. Chirac has said reduc-

Foreign investors unshaken by Rabin murder

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Confidence in Israel remains high among foreign investors despite the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the finance ministry said Tuesday.

"All the signs from the international financial community and the multinationals signal no change in their perception of Israel," said the director general of the treasury David Brodet.

Israel's business community had voiced fears after Rabin's death that it could affect the flow of foreign investment into the country. one of the biggest dividends for the Jewish state of the

peace process.

Direct investments due to surpass a billion dollars this vear, will continue at a similar level next year, Mr. Brodet said. In 1994 they reached \$600 million and \$300 million in 1993.

High technology remains the biggest draw for most foreign investors, especially the fields of telecommunications, software, and medical

The biggest Israeli industrial conglomerate Koor Monday "easily succeeded in raising \$120 million on the U.S. financial markets," Mr. Brodet said.

The operation, which went

Wednesday

Main Theatre

ACROSS

5 Pie piece 10 Toward the

present

O'Brien

15 Ad award

21 Summon

23 French city

24 Dacha kin

28 Antler pair 30 Numskuli

31 Spy 32 Had debts

39 Grub

term)

43 Bank, often 44 Wall art

47 In order to

49 North Star

56 Very corrupt

58 Is incorrect

60 Norse deity

61 Kind of soup

62 Animal track

DOWN

1 Magnificence

2 Arab prince

3 "The King -

4 Jests with

5 Behind the

(privately) 5 Unbound

7 News: abbr

8 Suffragette

magnifies

Carrie

9 One who

10 Unequaled

59 Overeat

51 Spoke

in balance

14 Television's

16 Neither liberal

19 Cooler and jug

20 Ionian Sea inlet

electronically

nor conservative

1 Reach the top

13 Before potent or

22 November 1995 - 8:00 p.m.

The Royal Cultural Centre

ahead unaltered after Rabin's assassination on Nov. 4, was picture was not so healthy even three times oversub-

A record number of 43 European, U.S. and Japanese banks are to take part Thursday in a syndicated loan to Israel of 350 million German marks (\$250 million) in London-based transaction led by the U.S. Chemical Bank and Israel's Leumi

The U.S. rating agency Monday's two weeks ago up-graded Israel's rating from B. to A-. "It did not consider it necessary to change the decision after the death of Yitzhak Rabin."

Israel's gross national pro-duct (GNP) is set to reach \$87 billion in 1995, a per capita figure of \$15,000, making Israel one of the 20 richest countries in the world in terms of per capita income.

The GNP has increased at an average annual rate of six per cent since 1990, one of the highest rates in the industrial world.

Unemployment has fallen to 6.5 per cent in 1995 compared with 11.4 per cent in 1992 and inflation is expected to level at eight per cent this year compared with 14.5 per cent in 1994, according to

treasury figures.

Mr. Brodet said however,

On the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's 60th Birthday

Under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein

The National Music Conservatory/Noor Al Hussein Foundation

present

World Famous Concert Pianist

IEAN FONDA FOURNIER

Pano Recital

In the program pieces by: Bach- Liszt, Beethoven, Chopin and Franck

THE Daily Crossword by Richard Thomas

Ticket price: JD 8

- Alahlia Abela Superstore, tel. 688481

Champions Sports Wear, tel. 861065

Royal Cultural Centre, tel. 661026

National Music Conservatory, tel. 687620

ready for Music, tel. 672676

Tickets available at:

- Babiche, tei. 661322

Music Box, tel. 815745

Romero, tel. 644227

FLUES

49 Get ready,

50 Knock out

52 Earth sci.

sometimes 37 Balcony barriers

38 "-- Fideles" 42 Passenger

45 immoderately

46 Informs on

48 Expenditure

adhering to a

43 Suds 44 Roger or Demi RSTUREED

53 Took a train

54 Yeats' land

57 Gold, to Goya

55 Headway

Jerash Festival for Culture and Arts

with an deficit expected to reach a record \$4 billion this year compared with \$2.5 bil-

lion in 1994. "It is not a structural problem, rather it shows the weakness of the dollar which has handicapped Israeli exporters," he explained.

The budget deficit would be limited to 2.5 per cent of the GNP in 1996, he said, ddown from 2.7 per cent this year and 6.4 per cent in 1990. We are continuing a very strict fiscal policy."

Turning to privatisations, Mr. Brodet said that 20 per cent of the controlling shares in the Hapoalim bank, the country's main financial establishment, would be floated on the market next year. The privatisation of the

But to defend the annual \$3 billion received in U.S. aid, Mr. Brodet stressed the country's large defence

telecommunications com-

pany Bezek was also con-

budget which takes up eight per cent of the GNP, down on 13 per cent 10 years ago and 19 per cent 20 years ago. He also highlighted the cost of integrating new immigrants which have increased the country's popula-

tion by a fifth in six years.

Arab Gulf countries split over customs

RIYADH (AFP) — Six Arab Gulf oil producers seeking to merge their economies were split Tuesday over setting up a customs union that could form the nucleus of their planned common market and open the way for a free trade pact with the European Union (EU).

union

Ending an emergency meeting in Riyadh, the fi-nance and economy ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) acknowledged their failure to reach agreement on unifying their customs tariffs just a month before their leaders hold their annual summit in Mus-

"We have decided to present our differing views to the upcoming summit," Bahrain Finance and Economy Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim told reporters after the brief meeting at Riyadh international airport.

There are still some differences in the positions of member states towards this issue. As a result, the ministers decided to discuss the subject at other meetings. We have not reached any agreement at present," he

His statements followed optimism that the six members were about to announce the establishment of a customs union after they completed the classification of most imported products which could be either taxed or exempted

Mr. Abdul Karim did not elaborate on the differences but GCC states impose widley varied customs on foreign imports, with some members levying high duties and others sticking to low tariffs.

THE BETTER HALF,

French premier announces new tax to cut welfare deficit

PARIS (AFP) - Prime Minister Alan Juppe announced politically sensitive reforms of France's welfare system Wednesday, including a new tax intended to

save it from, bankruptcy. Mr. Juppe announced the plan to parliament which will be asked for a vote of confidence later Wednesday. With his huge conservative majority in parliament, Mr. Juppe was expected to win the vote easily.

The prime minister also said he was delaying applica-tion of a new benefit for the elderly who depend on nursing care at home, which was one of President Jacques Chirac's election campaign

Mr. Juppe announced a new tax of 0.5 per cent to wipe out the social security system's accumulated deficit of 230 billion francs (\$46 bil-

The tax would apply to interest on savings and unemployment pay, currently exonerated, and other social security benefits as well as salaries and unearned in-

The package was welcomed on the Paris Bourse. where the CAC-40 index, which had been up one per cent before Mr. Juppe's speech, gained another 1.36 per cent to 1,881.57 points. On the financial market, the franc firmed slightly to 3.5545 against the mark compared with 3.5565 earlier.

The finance ministry for its part said households would have to fork out an extra 32.1 billion francs (\$6.4 billion) in 1996 and 39.9 billion francs in the following year to pay for

the package. Mr. Juppe said his reform package was "global, ambitious, innovative and ba-lanced." adding "we are going to succeed in doing something which no-one has dared to do for 30 years."

By Glasbergen

He stressed that his govemment's main objective remained jobs, but said the fight against deficits was inextricably linked with the fight against unemployment.

"My main objective, as I have said since May, is jobs. The fight against joblessness and the fight against deficits are one and the same fight. The deficit of today is the joblessness of today, and the oblessness of tomorrow," he stressed.

The prime minister also said non-resident foreigners would have to pay in advance for hospital treatment, except in emergency.

The prime minister added he was ruling out an increase in retirement pension contributions but that family allowances would be taxed from 1997 in the framework of an overall tax reform. Mr. Juppe said that special treatment would be given to poor families and those with many children.

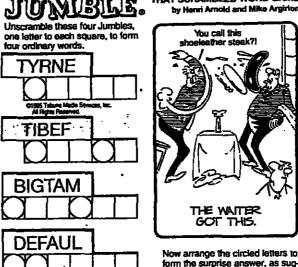
Mr. Juppe said there would be an annual budget ceiling for health care, to be voted by parliament, which would require a reform of the constitution.

"Such a change requires a revision of the constitution. It will be the keystone of the reform." Mr. Juppe said, adding it would be "the founding act" of a new social security system. Mr. Juppe put his political

future on the line when he unveiled the reforms in the teeth of widespread social unrest, including threats of a new general strike. The plan was seen as a key

(F.O.), has called for a test of the premier's authority general strike later this month to protest the welfare six months after he took office following Mr. Chirac's

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: CRAFT PAPER BUREAU DELUGE Answer: A winning hand often means this -A GREAT DEAL

"How much would it cost to have all of

my nerves removed so my boss can't

get on them anymore?"

Peanuts









HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1995

Know just what your duties are in the world of activity today and handle them in a most precise while the management of the m me world of activity today and handle them in a most precise and conscientious manner.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)
Get out early this morning to gain the information you require so that you can make an enterprise you are working to the state of so that you can make an enter-prise you are working on more

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
Stop daydreaming and get those duties completed for your mate in a very gracious way. Handle any business affairs which come

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Be with persons who are practical and can be of help to you today and forget the emo-tional ones who could be upset-

LEO :(July 22 to August 21) If you are consistent at your career activities, you get fine results today. Discuss your mutual duties with a fellow associate. ·VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a good day to make arrangements for pleasurable activities with your loved ones for tonight. Handle your business affairs wisely.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) There is an abundance of duties to be handled at home today so plan to do them. Try not to disagree with a family tie if

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) This is a fine day today for handling practical mat-ters and correspondence wisely and efficiently. Be happy at home this evening with loved

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get busy at practical and money affairs today and you can get excellent results from your efforts which will be noticed by those in charge. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) In your spare time today, work those angles which will gain you your personal de-sires. Get good friends to assist you in your efforts.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Get caught up with the odds and ends of duties which are important to you today, though not very much fun and you will be quite successful. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be with good pals during spare time today and enjoy mutual interests. Stick to usual entertainments which have given you the most pleasure.

Birthstone of November: Topaz

— Tiger's Eye

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 1995

ARIES: (March 24 to April 19) Handle only most important business matters today and tonight and then be off for a good time with congenial friends and loved ones. Some personal desire can be gained.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You can easily charm an influential person today if you desire backing for some project which can also profitable to him or her. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Become cognizant of varying conditions around you today which can help you to expand your interests and activities for

your benefit. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Although very conventional, it is important you at this time get into the modern stream which can bring you greater suc-

LEO:(July 22 to August 21) Stop being so full of pride today and permit interesting personalities to come into your life and feel happier. Show you have wisdom and charm.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You need more moders methods and tools, mechanisms if you want to make your career activities work more efficiently. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Step out of that rut today and study into new interests and pleasures you have not known before this for success and bappi

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Show more thought for those who live with you at this time and make life at aome far more pleasant, and gain more benefits.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Put more piz-zazz into your relationships with zazz into your relationships with close friends and associates and tonight becomes far brighter for

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Even though you are conservative in business, if you conservative in business, if you use more modern methods at this time, you can have greater suc-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) If you are more dramatic today, you can please others and be happier yourself. Stop being so self-sacrificing or you can be a miserable person-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 10R YOUR 20) See advisors at this time who 20) See advisors at this time was can help you to be more moders in business and forget antiquated methods which do little for you.

Birthstone of November: Topaz

Save water Every drop counts ...

UNDON EXCHA MADOV 18: 7 2 - 7 - 2 224

an hang and contents देशक्रायाच्या १७७ इत वस्यके 203 della: 135-175

1 9465 15 1588 TW 1 20175 15 5 945 iy • • • • • •

and sold state of the second

IF to hold ce Jubilee Scho Wings einh timhda.

Alee School's premise demonstration :

t includes basket ar Stabine and cloth Taxing o я Іоот, ропат - таі le for Child Health at hon by the Theatre-in-E by the National Musiins with the Quality Mer Clubs, a lecture on de detates on contentions

hog the event. The Jubil a computer show. If and plays. loth and 17th of No. 4:00 pm will give on which ones its success the Nur bard Her! the NHF's board of in

Andy Capp 36 Important point 40 Large part of the 41 Al — (cooking 1995 Tribune Media Services, Inc. DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTH MY BEGINNINGS ARE NEV BELIEVED AND THE REST 42 Boxer's weapon 11 Decrees 12 Bustle 15 Pack in 17 Like ears ENACT KNOCKOFFS WESKIT DROOL 18 Composer Satie 22 Makes money 24 Kind of squad BLASEONORB STEADINESS KLEELANCE ORT ANEST 25 Brainchild 26 Fluff Mutt'n'Jeff 27 Oodles ERIKESWEETTOOTH 29 Pond growth 31 Playwright Hart 63 Fasting season SALLE RAKISH 32 Dutch — WEGOTTA THINK AND LEARN HOW TO DO THINGS SON, WE CAN'T LET OTHER KNOCKDOWN HOSIE 33 — up (conclude) **COUNTRIES BEATUS! WHAT** EAGRE WEEP VEER 34 Novel ending WE NEED ARE GOOD ERAS 35 Beautician,

Cairo Amman Bank

0.11 0.17

Furreneum Cerrency Unit 5,37 5.37 5.37 5.37

ROSCOPE Beirut banks urged to cut foreign currency rates Some banks give leading to the source of t

March 21 to April 87
what your dute: 1
Id of activity today to most on. Lebanese Banks Association em in a most preurged the country's 82 banks to join a pact to cut interest rates on foreign currency de-(April 20 to Maj : sarly this morning formation you rep-u can make an c. are working on posits to bring them into line with international rates.

Association president. Franare working on o cois Bassile told bankers in a speech Tuesday that 16 top (May 21 to Jule ment — announced on ment — ann

"We hope that it (the agreement) expands to inchide all the banks and we

Financial

U.S. Delber

Sterling Pound

Desistès Mark

Sebu Franç

French Franc

Carrency

U.S. Pollar

Section Pound

Desdache Stark

Salas Franc

French France

Japonese Yen^e

Dutch Gullder

Svedisk Krons

Malian Lira*

Belglan Franc

Currency

Bahreini Din

Lebanque [,lru'

Saudi Riyal

Kewaki Dina

Qeleri Riyat

Ontant Rival

UAE Dirbani

Grank Drackens

Cyprist Pound

Egyptian Pound

ILDREN: (June ;

with persons who and can be of he

and forget the or who could be to

y 22 to August 1. missistent at your car you get fine to iscuss your may a fellow associated August 22.

August 22 to Sagardis is a good to significant for place ties with your bonight. Handle it fairs wisely.

eptember 13 101/2

with a family a

: (October 2

21) This is a time

andling practical

evening with b

IUS: (Novembe

er 21) Get ben d money affairs

get excellent as efforts which w. those in charge

en: (December :

In your spare

your persons, youd friends in a

S: (January 3

)) Get canging, and ends of c

important to it. not very me

ebruary 20 to te

h good pak

rests. Stick wants which have

of November =

T FOR ROAY

ly most import natters today 2

then be of a ith congenial incones. Some person

Aprīl 20 to Man. ily charm an ma≥

today if you to some project to fitable to him or k

May 21 to June

gnizant of as

around you in

help you to exp its and activities

LDREN: (June -

hough very core

) the modern size

ring you greaters

2 to August 2119: l of pride toda c esting personals o your life and t

w you have wish

need more moted tools, mechanic to make your are the more efficient.

member 23 to 00

out of that nil but
to new interests
at have not less
of success and here

(October 31 ii 21) Show most those who five so me and make list nore pleasant, in enefits.

enefits.
US: (November 21) Put more prelationships us and associate present for brighter present for the prese

d.
V: (December 21:
Even though your
in business, if in
dern methods at
n have greater se

: (January 2] i) If you are not: ay, you can plest be happier yourd co self-sacrificing of self-sacrificing of the management of the self-sacrificing of the management of the self-sacrificing of the self-sacrificin

niserable particularly 20 to Mark bors at this time and to be more model and forget antiquals to do little for put to the forget antiquals to the forget and the forget antiquals to the forget and the forget antiquals to the forget antiqual to the forget antiqual to the forget antiqual to the forget antiqual to the forget and the forget antiqual to the forget an

November: Tops

water

be gained.

MBER 17, 3% arch 21 to Apri? े

st pleasure.

r efforts.

re is an abundance to do them. In the

by all of us as that will truly benefit the country and the banking system," Mr. Bassile said shortly before his reelection for a second term as association president.

"It is not permissible that we give rates on foreign currencies far from what is being adopted in international markets to which we are open and deal with heavily," Mr. Bassile added.

"Competition should be based on the quality of services to clients not by fighting through interest rates,"

Dartes 15/11/1995

3,68

Distal 15/31/1995

Offer

0.7160

7.1127

0.5000

0.6273

0.1465

0.7043

0.4524

0.0447

1.2740

0.844375

0.1892

2.3470

0.1945

0.2200

1.8410

0.1933

0.3125

1.5965

Detai 15/11/1995

I MTH 3 MTHS 6 MTHS 12 MTHS

1.75 1.75 1.64 1.62

5.43

3.66

0.7880

1.1072

0.3041

0.6242

0.145#

0.7008

0.4501

0,0445

1.8020

0.1245

2.3070

6.1932

0.2186

1.8530

0.1922

0.2775

2.55/5

0.043565

the average rate paid in Lebanon on bank deposits is less than 5.5 per cent but some banks give as much as 1.5 points above this and that this hurts Beirut's reputation as an emerging financial cen-

"The association thinks that if rutes are much higher in Lebanon this would give a signal that there is high risk involved in investing here," a Beirut banker told Reuters. Other banking sources say

some banks give higher rates on short-term foreign currency deposits - up to 10 or 12 per cent per annum - to attract customers towards the end of the year in order to consolidate their own financial positions.

APMAN FINANCIAL MARKET HOUSING MANK CENTER ANGAN - SEMEISARI TELEPHONE: 607171 / 607179 OPCANISED HARRET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR WEDENSDAY 15/11/1995

	No OP	Wat.UE	PRTY CLOSING
COMPANY'S NAME	CUARTS	TOATIED	PREY. CLOSING CLOSING PRICE
	TRADED	m.	PRICE
	TWMEN		
		14165	209.000 239.250
LRAB BANK PIC	3655	13040	239.000 239.230 4.430 4.430 1.140 1.140 4.460 4.460 2.700 2.700 1.120 1.120 3.520 3.520 3.690 3.640 .940 940 1.560 1.606
TORDAK MATIORAL BANK HIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK. THE MONTH BANK	2956 175 350	13030	1 140 1 140
STADLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK.	7/5	1561	4.660 4.460
HE INSELLE THE	75	1301	1 700 2 700
Jordan Minki: Base	15	36761	1 120 1 120
CADAK GULY BANY	32720	38707	3 636 3 530
TORDAM ISLAMIC BANK	2640 1655	4017	1.695 1.640
Cordan Gils Bant Tordan Islamic Bank Tordan Investment & Finance Bank Andan Bank for Investment	24850	23426	-940 .940
NOWN AND FOR I FVENT THE MENT	5483	H722	1.565 1.600
PRILADELITIA INVESTMENT BANK.	#6P		TERMEN SANGERESTON
	71095	114016	IMPER NUMBER: 188.53
BANKS SECTOR	11011	227024	CHANGE : -0.08
) ####### 제공 로봇 본T 주에는 P 또 도로 프로노스의 생물 의계 ##### 수 교육 등 등 ㅡ ㅋㅋ			
	AUA	1060	2.600 2.650
			P443357 *E 6882-32-74
THE HEART SECTION	400	1060	INDEX RUNGER: 128.81
JORDAN FRENCH INSURANCE I M 1 U R A M C E S E C T U K			CHANGE : +U.34
	as and were	981-97 -55	3
	40478 100	64762	1.000 1.000
	100	253	2.550 2.520
KATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	100 3823 3000C	7119	1.865 1.860
TAL ESTATE (HVEHTMENT	30000	30000	
ANAH INTTE. FOR INVESTMENT & MUCATION	550	1760	1.200 1.200
		7-1-	
PARKA PRIVATE UNIVERSITY UNIOS LAFO DEVELOPMENT CORP.	349	406	1.330 1.020
		ARAWRY T	1:Lames Domested
SERVICES SECUL	80850	110944	INDEX SUMBER: 124.15
			CRASGE : -0.15*
	· near say	EB3 = 3 0 - W	brakers severalization
ATTANOPTH CONST. MATERIAL MARRIPACTURING	1200	1440	1.10C 1.200
THE JORDAN CEMENT PACTURIES	6485	23302	1.590 3,60G
JORDAN PIKUSPHATT XIKES	518	2428	
THE ARAB POTASK	4100	20091	4.900 4.900
HORDAN PRTPOLEUM RETINARY	845 602 500	7778	9.3CO 9.2CO
ARAB PRARKACEUTICAL MANUYASTURING	602	2712 3000	4.550 4.500
COPOAN CERAMIC INDUSTRIES	500	3000	6.000 6.000
JORDAN DAIRY	100	252	2.54G 2.52G
SPINNING & WEAVING	3500	6195	1.770 1.770
RAFIA ISDUSTRIES		338	
DAN N. DAWN DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	1000	670C	6.700 6.700
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	350	1790	5.150 5.12C
LIVESTOCE & POULTRY	26900	17976	.670 .660
ARAB PAPER CURVERTING & TRACITING	4300	CHUj	1.290 1.760
PATIOPAL PROBEFIEE	E100	FOEA	1.010 .990
INTERNEDIATE PETRO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES UNIVERSAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	500 200 700	848	1.730 1.690
UNIVERSAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	200	595	3.040 2.950
JORDAN SULPHO-CHEMICALE	700	861	7 745 1 636
ARAB CENTER POR PRARM. & CHEMICALS	2500	7276	1.900 1.910
USIVERSAL MODERN INDUSTRIES	200	61=	4.100 3.060
JORGAN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO.	750	1385	1.850 1.840
Jordan New Cable Company	06.23	7865	1.450 1.400
ISTERNATIONAL TURACCO & CIGARETTES	46850	64188	1.360 1 350
VALON CHERICAL & VECATIABLE OIL INDUSTRI	3000	5875	1.960 1 040
# T T		2073	
ARAB CENTER POR PHARM. 6 CHEMICALS UNIVERSAL MODERN INDUSTRIES JORNAM INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO. JORNAM NEW CASLE COMPANY INTERNATIONAL TURACCO 6 CIGARETTES VALON CHEMICAL 6 VECATIRALE OIL INDUSTRI	117450	104440	THORX NUMBER: 121.04
			CHANGE : -0.442
	BILIEVE		
E	PERSEKAA PAG7DE	420-44	INDEX NUMBER: 155.27

ofessional Quality in

Develop your colour film at our shop and get:-

• JUMBO photo

• Froe enlarge

ment 20 x 30 cm

Shmeisasi Opp. Grindlays Bank. Phone: 604042 Swefich tel: 823891

SZECHWAN GARBENS

ehinese restaurant

Typical Chinese Feeds

Skilled Chinese Chefs

Open 11:30 - 3:30 & 6:00 - Midnight

Take away is available

Stat Al-Arab Street Um Utheineh Commercial Cente

Tel: 801174

Bace Tested Alweys Loved

HANANIA TECHNICAL METAL WORKS

Suppliers of high

quality welding

machines,

sine 30% larger

1 Hour Service

Furnished Apartment

in Um Uthaina, 3

bedrooms, 3 bathrooms,

ground floor, telephone.

Other apartments and

Furnished/unfurnished for

Abdoun Real Estate

Tel: 810605, 810609, 810520

建餐屋明

Housing Estate

Open from: 12 noon - 3:30 p.m. 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Bork

rent or sale

For Rent



Statistics show industrial progress from 1952 to 1995

± FOUR DECADES ago, Jordan had no agricultural, industrial, construction, comper year and reach 100 countries around the showed. These investments were spread over Industry show. Industrial exports, which in- 1,835 industrial entities, 579 construction clude phosphate, potash, medicines, clothes, firms, 9221 commercial enterprises and about cement, foodstuffs, and plastic as well as 4,757 service institutions. (Al Dustour) leather products, account for 90 per cent of Jordan's national exports. Furthermore, the ** THE DECLINE in trading volume and industrial sector's contribution to the gross prices of shares at the Amman Financial domestic product increased from six per cent Market (AFM) over the past few days is to twenty per cent.

reached about 10,000 subscribers in the early ary cycle. 50s but now electric power reaches 99 per cent AFM Director-General Umayyah Tougan of the population. Electricity generation in- said that there were no direct reasons to the creased from 15 million kilowat hours to 4,728 decline in prices. Expressing astonishment million kilowatts hours at present.

plants in the country, but the number had economic performance and hoped that declimbed to 20,000. Also the number of indust- mand for shares will pick up in the foreseable rial shareholding companies jumped from future.
only three in 1952 to 83 companies at present. Senior banker and economist Mufleh Age

whereas the figure now stands at JD 4,226.2 monetary policy being implemented by the million. Exports which totalled JD 1.53 mil- Central Bank to protect the Kingdom's forelion had risen to JD 794 million. The productign currency reserves and to control undesired tion of phosphate climbed from 2,500 tonnes credit expansion. He pointed out that other to 4.2 million tonnes. There was no cement factors, such as the psychological barrier and potash, production in 1952 but now which has been broken and the economic Jordan's output of those two products summit which ended with great success, have amounts to 3.1 million tonnes and 550,000 been settled except the liquidity shortage, tonnes respectively. In addition, Jordan's which, according to Mr. Agel, remains the production of woolen textiles, medicines and direct cause for the retreat at the stock foodstuffs are estimated at tens of millions of exchange.

until 1994 amounted to JD 907 million in the market. (Al Ra'i).

Gems of the world . All birthstones in 18 & 21 K gold . Unique designs .

Cheers

Hamburgers + Pizzas

ELITE CAFE'

Sweifiyeh

816690

At Turino

La Coquette

Enisine Française

STUDIO HAIG - A SECURE - 101

Hotel

Sweiflyeh

wrino

Flat.O.TEL SECURITY

HOSPITALITY

GASTRONOMY

All Suites Hotel

FLAT .O. TEL

الإجنحه القندقيسه المكوفسه

الملوكية بمستوى عالمي جنيدا

863944 - 816690

100.75 John Dens

Restaurant

Teppanyaki

Sashimi

Sushi

For Rent

Deluxe Furnished

മ്and Unfurnished 🖺

ŭVillas apartments ŭ

Sand office Space S

200

industrial exports but today, the Kingdom's mercial and service sectors providing 18,000 industrial exports amount to JD 716 million new employment opportunities, the statistics world, statistics from the Amman Chamber of 17 agricultural companies and institutions,

raising fears among investors that the stock The statistics showed that electric power exchange may be entering in a deep recession-

over the AFM's performance, he stressed that In 1952, there were 800 workshops and all indicators point to an improvement in

Other statistics show that the gross domes- attributed the weak AFM performance to the tic product in 1952 amounted to JD 86 million lack of liquidity as a result of the stringent

Mr. Agel explained that liqudity is usually The Amman Chamber of Industry reviewed directed to the secondary market but, with the the industrial developments over the past four availability of new issues, investors prefer to years noting that industrial investments be- go to the primary market. Also, he said, the tween 1990 and 1994 totalled JD 475 million, increase in the number of companies at the 52 per cent higher than all investments in secondary market from 80 to 150 has resulted other sectors combined. The statistics showed in higher supply against weak demand. that the capital of all new companies reg. Another pressure on share prices, Mr. Aqel istered in 1994 amounted to JD 410 million said, was the request of the new companies to while the amount in 1990 was only JD 46 shareholders to pay other instalments of the million with the industrial sector accounting capital as well as opening letters of credit to for more than 50 per cent of the capital. The import machinery and equipment causing total of capital invested in Jordan from 1991 funds to be siphoned away from the secondary

Amra Hotel Shops

6th circle, Amman

Uour Address in Amman

D'ANGELO

AUTHENTIC

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Jabal Amman

Tel 638212

Air-conditioned Lounge

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets

One U.S. dollar	1.3562/72	Canadian dollar
	1.4030/40	Deutschemarks
	1.5714/24	Dutch guilders
	1.1336/46	Swiss francs
	28.83/87	Belgian francs
	4.8465/15	French francs
	1588.7/0.2	Italian lire
	101.05/15	Japanese yen
	6.6150/50	Swedish crowns
	6.1940/90	Norwegian crown
	5.4383/83	Danish crowns
-	1.4113/18	Singapore dollars
	0.7365/70	Australian dollars
	7.7335/40	 Hong Kong dollar

\$1.5568/78

include a live demonstration of NHF's projects and programmes. It includes basket and jewelry making; paper making; fabric and cloth making on looms: broom-making:

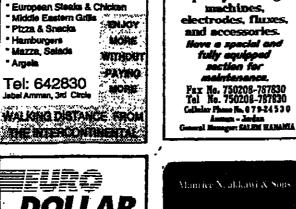
and Mother Clubs: a lecture on traditional home restoration and debates on contemporary issues will also take place during the event. The Jubilee School's students will also present a computer show, their own artistics produc-

Friday, the 16th and 17th of November, 1995 from 10:00 m, till 4:00 p.m. will give people an idea of the foundation which owes its success to the continued support of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Noor who



THE FIRST & ONLY FRESH PORK MEAT ,IN FUHAIS DAILY SLAUGHTER AT OUR FARM FRESH CUTS TO YOUR

(079)28876 SHOP, OF 664023 OFFICE



Shmeisani

Tel: 693399



Commercial Center GF.

om - Uthama - Tel; 864721





Emergency Call 24 Hours

Shmisani King Abdullah Gardens

079 / 21526





or Rent





French A Cuisine

Fine Art of Italian Cooking Čuca Voncini Lunch & Dinner Jabal Amman Td: 654201 ~ 654500

One sterling \$1.5568/78 One ounce of gold \$385.30/385.80 MING-SHING Chinese Restaurant The Best Cooking, NHF to hold celebrations Best Service, Best Atmosphere in Ammer Deir Ghbar - American at Jubilee School premises Embassy Str. near Baytuna

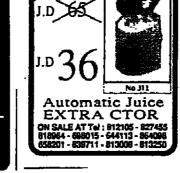
ON THE occasion of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty the King's 60th birthday, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) will be holding a two-day celebrations at the Jubilee School's premises. The celebrations will nug-weaving on loom; pottery-making; clinical check-up by the Institute for Child Health and Development; a live improvisation by the National Music Conservatory.

Live sessions with the Quality of Life Village Councils and Moshar Clinter a leaving on the distance has a second of the distance has a second

tions; songs and plays.

These celebrations which will be held on Thursday and presides the NHF's board of trustees.











Sandra **Boutique** Jordan insurance Bldg. Third Circle Tel. 647800

Will Tomba race?

VAIL. Colorado (R) - Will he or won't he? (laboratory test animal) for the racer's pro-Only Alberto Tomba knows for sure and the test," said Paul Major, head of a U.S. ski Italian skiing star isn't talking - at least not team hoping the event will play well to an for a few more days.

Cup ski season begins on Vail mountain on Thursday with, unsurprisingly, a major con- for the women, who saw last Saturday's troversy that is centred, equally unsurprisingly, around Tomba.

A boycott threat by the defending men's combined appearance of the men's and all champion. After 11 World Cup seasons women's tours in a total of four races at this Schneider retired with her third title. Rocky Mountain resort.

using a controversial starting order. Months succeed Schneider. dated a reverse-30 rule for slalom and giant slalom races, meaning that the leader after the first run of a race would start 30th and last for the second.

Top races such as Tomba were ungered. saying many courses would deteriorate under the pounding of so many skis. effectively penalising the leaders for their good early

Tomba and Austrian star Guenther Mader stayed away from the season-opening giant slalom last Sunday at Tignes, France

Tomba used the time to complete his training at Mammoth Mountain. California. Many have suggested he made his decision cial snow a week prior to the race. But 18 not out of principle but because he was inches (45 centimetres) of new snow and a run ill-prepared and because the rigours of travel of warm weather cast doubt on the course' to Tignes and then to Vail weren't to his

Since course deterioration in the giant as men, the crunch will come at Sunday's action to take.

slalom, an event that is Tomba's speciality. The Vail programme begins with a women's Super G on Thursday, followed by men's Utah." Mayer said. giant slalom Friday, women's slalom Saturday, and then the concluding men's slalom. Both slaloms will be on neighbournig Beaver ly holds the key. Creek Mountain, where technical events were

vuintrable, East deals. NORTH • Q 7 3 ♥ 5 2 • A Q J 10 7

SOUTH + A 10 9 8 6 4

WEST

+87432

Opening lead: Ten of \triangledown

EAST

4KJ5 ∇AKQJ83

₽Q 109

WEST NORTH Pass 4 A Pass

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

American television audience that has often The first major race weekend of the World been difficult to attract to ski racing.

Thursday's race will be the season opener scheduled giant slalom at Tignes blown away by bad weather.

That delayed the chase to succeed Switzer overall champion is overshadowing a rare land's incomparable Verni Schneider as over-

Katja Seizinger of Germany, a close Tomba has threatened to boycott races runner-up last seson, is the favourite to

> In the absence of Tomba and Mader. Michael Von Gruenigen of Switzerland won the men's opener, edging Lasse Kjus of Norway and Urs Kaelin of Switzerland.

While Vail officials worry about the possible disruption of their showcase event, the entire matter may be settled by course preparation and uncertain weather.

Ski federation rules provide that the race jury may elect to revert to the former reverse-15 format if they believe snow conditions are untavourable.

Vail is known for its impeccable grooming and the course was well-prepared using artifistability just two days from the start.

Austrian giant slalom standout Christian Mayer, another critic of the new rule, believes slalom isn't usually a problem, and since the men may use Vail as an opportunity to put women typically don't dent a course as much their heads together before deciding what

> "I believe you'll see a press conference and a statement the following week at Park City.

But no one can predict the oftenindependent actions of Tomba, who ultimate-

"If Tomba races and everyone else run during the 1989 World Championships, boycotts, nobody cares," Major said, "But if "I just hope our race isn't the guinea pig he doesn't race, it becomes a very hig deal,

in dummy and led the queen of spades, covered by the king and taken with the aca. Here the declar-er's paths diverged. Where Crawford sat East, declar-

er continued with a trump. Craw-ford won the jack and underled his heart honors. He was fortunate to find West with the nine of hearts, and the diamond return was rulled

At the other table Sam Staymen found a pretty avoidance play. After winning the ace of spades, South continued with the king, ace and jack of clubs. When East covered with the queen, declarer discarded his remaining heart rather than ruff. Now there was no way for West to gain the lead, and declarer lost only one trump, one heart and one club.

for a one-trick set.

GOREN BRIDGE

SIDESTEP THE DANGER

The 1951 Vanderbilt Cup was

won by one of the strongest teams in the history of bridge — B.J. Becker, John Crawford, Sam Stay-man and George Rapee. On this

hand from that event, the hidding was the same at the two tables, and

so was the play to the first three tricks. Yet only one declarer man-aged to land the game.

The auction would probably go the same way today. The vulnera-ble one-spade overcall showed good values, and the North hand is cer-

tainly worth a raise to game.

The 10 of hearts was the opening

leid by West at both tables, and in each case East overtook with the jock to make the fine switch to the two of diamonds—an obvious sin-gleton. At both tables declarer won

FOR SWEIFTYEH RESIDENTS & NEIGHBOURS 12.30 - 5.30 PM

• • • There is no FREE lunch -

Chicken Burger Or Philadelphia Sandwich

French Fries & Cole Slaw (Small 22 to man

Soft Drink (Peps), Minuda, 70p.

TURINO - Sweifiyeh - Tel 81 66 90

But there is something quite close!

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Zimbabwe to replace Nigeria in tournament

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Zimbabwe will replace Nigeria in a four-team international soccer tournament in South Africa which starts this weekend, officials said on Wednesday. The invitation to Nigeria for the four nations cup was withdrawn by the South African Football Association (SAFA) on Monday in protest at the execution of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other human rights activists last Friday. Zimbabwe agreed on Tuesday to step in as replacements for the African champions.

Former Chinese champion to represent Japan

TOKYO (AFP) — Former Chinese world table tennis champion Chire Koyama will represent Japan at the Atlanta Olympics next year, the Japan Table Tennis Association said Wednesday. Koyama, last year's Asian Games gold medallist, became a naturalized Japanese citizen after marrying an official of the Osaka Table Tennis Association, Hideyuki Koyama. She retired in 1989 after being dropped from the Chinese national team for the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988 despite her victories at the 1987 world championships in New Delhi and Asian championships three times under her Chinese name of He

New stadium to replace Roker Park

LONDON (R) - Sunderland are set to leave their famous Roker Park ground after 97 years for a new 34,000-capacity all-seater stadium, the club's owner Bob Murray announced on Tuesday. After several years of talks, the north-east club have been given the go-ahead by the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to build the 14.0 million pounds (\$21.83 million)stadium on the site of the former Wearmouth Colliery, it is due to be ready by August 1997.

Today Today Today WELCOME RESIDENCE FURNITURE invites you to their GRAND OPENING

furniture for all tastes Thursday, Nov. 16, 1995 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Mecca Street

FOR RENT

Unfurnished main floor of a villa, consists of 3 bedrooms, spacious salons, area 260 sq.m., with telephone, garage, water well and garden. Location: Between Mecca Street and Medina Monawwara Street.

For more information call Dr. Katbeh: Tel-Fax 644993 (Lab.) or 817877 (Res.)

ANTIQUE FURNITURE

EUROPEAN AND ORIENTAL 19th. CENTURY SOLID FURNITURE,OAK,WALNUT,ETC.... DISCOUNT 15% TILL THE END OF NOVEMBER CONTACT: SIMON ORIENTAL

JABAL AL- WEIBDEH - JARIR STREET TEL . 619943 - FAX : 657670

FURNISHED VILLA FOR RENT

Located in Abdoun area opposite the American Embassy; two floors, 4 bedrooms including 1 master bedroom with Jacuzzi, salon area + living room + dining room & 3 bathrooms, garage, garden, and telephone.

For information please call 815941, 822067, after 2 p.m.

Tender's Notice

The General Directorate of Supply / Ministry of Education invites to bid for tender No. (16/94) Ret.- Arts & Crafts Equipment, which is financed by Japanese loan No. (Jo - P8) Sector Educational Project.
Interested bidders are invited to buy tender's

documents from Furniture & Equipment Tenders Division in the Directorate beginning from Monday morning, Nov. 13, 1995 against paying fees (\$ 150).

Closing date Dec. 28, 1995, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Head of Special **Tenders Committee**

Under the patronage of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Bin Al-Hussein

and Princess Rania Al-Abdullah

The Embassy of Spain In cooperation with The Cervantes Institute **Proudly Presents**

The Famous Baroque & Ancient Music Quartet

La Folía

In a Concert On Thursday 16 November, at 8 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre Sponsored by Freddy for Music

<u>Available_at</u>: 663033 Babiche Chez Hilda Al-Ahlia Abela

TEL: 699238

824808



Dan Marjerle, of the Cleveland Cavaliers. makes his move towards the basket guarded by Chuck Person, of the San Antonio Spurs.

during third quarter action at Gund Arena. Nov. 12. The Spurs won, 34-81 (Reuters

Hardaway leads Magic past Bulls

ORLANDO (R) - Penny Hardaway picked up the Shaq slack again on Tuesday. Hardaway scored 36 points and Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott added 16 apiece as

the Orlando Magic used an 11-5 surge at the end of the game to hand the Chicago Bulls their first loss, 94-88. Chicago (5-1) was the streak snapped. league's last unbeaten team. Hardaway shot 12-of-18

from the field and 4-of-7 from three-point range for Orlando (6-1), which extended its home winning streak to 35 games against Eastern Conference teams. Earlier in the day, Hard-

away was named player of the week as the Magic got off to the best start in franchise history - without their injuried superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal. "If we keep playing like

this and get the big fella back. it's going to be scary." Scott said. "(Hardaway) played like the all-star that he is. He knew coming into the game that he had to force the issue and he made them work in

the post all night long." Michael Jordan scored 23 points and Pippen added 17 for Chicago. Pippen had 10 rehounds and six assists for the Bulls, who were eliminated by the Magic in six games in last season's conference semifinals.

"Michael and Scottie they always bring out the best in any team." Hardaway said. "They brought out the hest in us tonight."

"I think he's gained a lot of confidence offensively." Jordan said of Hardaway, "Defensively. I don't think he differs much. His repertoire of moves has really expanded in the sense that he's more confident in his moves inside and outside."

Toni Kukoc had 16 points and eight rebounds for Chicago, which had a 44-38 edge in rebounds despite the absence of four-time rebound champs Dennis Rodman, who was placed on the injured list with a strained calf earlier in the

day. In Atlanta, Stacey Augmon scored five of his season-high 20 points in the final two minutes as the streaking Hawks scored the last nine points in a 111-104 victory over the Charlotte

Mookie Blaylock scored 19 points and Grant Long added 16 for the Hawks (5-2), who have won four straight and are off to their best start since Larry Johnson scored 34

points and Glen Rice added 25 for the Hornets (3-4), who dropped to 0-4 on the road. In Mitlwaukee, Glenn Robinson broke a slump with 36 points and triggered a 13-0 fourth-quarter run as the Bucks beat the San Antonio Spurs for the first time in four years, 98-84.

Eric Murdock added 12 points for the Bucks, who held the Spurs scoreless for five minutes in the fourth quarter.

Sean Elliott scored 31 points and David Robinson added 26 and 15 rebounds for the Spurs (4-2), who had their four-game winning Glenn Robinson, the eading rookie scorer last season

at 21.9 points per game, was averaging just 17.8 on 33 per cent shooting before scoring his season high. In Philadelphia, Shawn Kemp scored 29 points and

Hersey Hawkins had 21 as the Seattle Supersonics held off the 76ers 115-107 for their fifth win in six games. Gary Payton had 19 points

and 11 assists for Seattle (5-2), which beat Philadelphia for the sixth straight time. Rookie Jerry Stackhouse scored 27 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and

Vernon Maxwell added 24 and eight assists for the 76ers In Portland, Clifford Robinson scored seven of hise 36 points in a thirdquarter 13-3 spurt and Rod Strickland came within two rebounds of a triple-double

as the Trail Blazers defeated the New York Knicks 105-99. Strickland had 25 points,

12 assists and eight rebounds.

Chris Dudley had 11 ponits and 17 rebounds for Portland (3-4).

Patrick Ewing had 29 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks and Derek Harper added 29 points for New York (5-2), which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

At Golden State, Malik Sealy scored 24 points as the Jimes Los Angeles Clippers defeated the Warriors 118-106 for their third straight win.

Lamond Murray scored 22 points and Brian Williams added 17 for Los Angeles. which had not won three consecutive games since a four-game streak in March

Latrell Sprewell scored 24 die = points for the Warriors (2-5). In Sacramento, Cedric Ceballos scored 31 points as Take: the Los Angeles Lakers defer. ated the short-handed Kings 106-100 for just their second attrice. win in six games,

Mitch Richmond scored 28 points for the Kings, who lost their second straight game since a win over Indiana last! Friday brawl.

Guard Sarunas Marciulionis, centre Olden Polynice and torwards Michael Smith and Lionel Simmons all served suspensions Tuesday ment or their part in the

NBA STANDINGS

	Atlantic Ulvis	೧೯	
	W	<u> </u>	PCT GB
Orlando	6	2	.857 —
Miami	3	ş	750 11/2
New York	5	2	714
· Philadelphia	2	3	.√00 3
Washington	85222	the factor for the transmission	.400 3
New Jersey	2	3	.490 3
Boston	Ī	7	.250 3/2
	Central Divi-	:);}	
Chicago	5	Ę	.833 —
Atlanta	5	2	.714 1/2
Indiana	3	2	.600 11/2
Charlotte	3		429 21/2
Detroit	2	3	400 2½
Milwaukee	5 5 3 2 2	And the factor of the man	.333 3
Toronto	1	6	143 41/2
Cleveland	Ō	Ğ	.000 5
	Western Confer	anna	
	Midwest Divis	37.00 38.	
Dallas	ें	-	.833 —
Houston	` <u>\$</u> 4	- 5	.890 1/2
Utah	5	à	.714 1/2
San Antonio	4	Se 91 he her avenue	.667 1
Vancouver	2	5	.286 31/2
Minnesota	2 1	3	.200 31/2
Denver	0	6	200 5
	Pacific Divisi	מים	•
Sacramento	5	,	.714 —
Seattle	Š	3 11 13 3	.714 —
LA Clippers	į	-	.571 1
Phoenix	3	ž	.500 11/2
LA Lakers	5 5 4 3	3	.500 172

er the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein Noor Al Hussein Foundation The National Music Conservatory and The Czech Embassy present

In Modo Camerale (oboe, clarinet, bassoon and piano)

Sunday, 19 November 1995 - 8:00 p.m. The Royal Cultural Centre-Main Theatre

In the program pieces by Beethoven,

Mozart, Poulenc and Stamic Ticket price: JD 7

Tickets available at: - Alahlia Abela Superstore, tel. 688481 - Babiche, tel. 661322

- Champions Sports Wear, tel. 861065 - Freddy For Music, tel. 692696 - Marmott Hotel, tel. 607607 - Music Box. tel. 815745

- Romero, tel. 644227 - Royal Cultural Centre, tel. 661026 - National Music Conservatory, tel. 687620 ماريوت

Czech Airlines



Technics

Ticket price: JD 5

CINEMA

Romero The Cervantes Institute Freddy for Music

CONCORD

CONCORD "1" Sylvester Stallone..in

ASSASSINS

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6, 8:15, 10:30

644227 610858

TEL: 677420



Delan Walsh & Lora Leeni....in

PHILADELPHIA

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

CINEMA

TEL: 634144

PLAZA

Jene Hackman In

Denzel Washington

CRIMSON TIDE

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 5, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

CONCORD "2" Adel Imam & Yusra Birds of the Darkness Shows: 3:30, 6, 8:15, 10:15

AMMOUN THEATRE TEL: 618274 - 618275

Portland

Golden State

MUSA HIJAZIN ' Sumaa" in Hi Citizen

daily at 8:30 p.m. Written & directed by Mohammad Shawaqieh Nabil & Hisham's Theatre TEL: 625155

In view of the travel of the actors abroad the theatre is closed until further notice



Eastern Conference Atlantic Divisor

.429 2 .429 2

4

5

.286



Warm milk, fish for breakfast the Olympians must be coming

TANTA (AP) — Set notans are coming, and the hungry. Picky, too. for breakfast. Pasta, es of it, at every meal. Firetr of everything for

There's never been a challenge this large." said prague, who is in charge of feeding the 15,000 dietes and coaches from 197 countries who will be staying at the Olympic vilage for the 1996 Summer

"We have to look at how to teed all these people and gree them things that are ocustomed to their diet," Sprague said. "Now, we donit have 197 different menus but the menus are so extensive that we'll be able to fulfill the needs from the different continents around

There will be days when we may serve more fish for breakfast than we do eggs."

on at them he sprague, who was senior executive chef at the 1980 Winter Olympics and has since worked many other inge events, learned early his coreer that culinary in his career that culinary miscues. however, innocent, can be unpleasant. The first time you see an

lley had tra-

rebegnds and

ichmond wa.D he Kings. who nd strught : over Indus. at sow a 60 Saruna, 4 entre Oldenb forwards McL Lional Smr suspensions Is

PCT GB .857 — .750 Ha .714 |

200 - 3

.209 3 .203 3 .350 3h

.833 — .724 ½ .660 ½ .420 ½ .490 ½ .333 3 .843 4½ .866 5

.714 .714 .571 .500 .220

Theatre

travel

abroad

closed otice

athlete take a glass of milk and spit it out because it's cold - it's something that we take for granted, but most of the world doesn't get milk cold," Sprague said, recalling a lesson he learned at the '80 Games.

"Even within cultures, there are subcultures and different eating habits." said Sprague, who has shuttled from his home in Cincinnati to serve as food director at the Olympic Vil-

For example, when fish is being served, it must be available in cooked. smoked and salted varieties. The bread basket must have 22 different. types; for Europeans all must be toasted. A choice of 18 fruits per meal is not

And feeding Olympic athletes means catering to big appetites. The average athlete, during training and competition, consumes 10.000 calories a day, compared with 2,500 for the average adult male. "We buy by the tonne.

not by the pound," Sprague The most popular item that crosses most cultural and national boundaries is pasta, said Sprague, who will need 60,000 pounds of

it during the Games. Sprague's domain next summer will be an 80,000square-foot dining hall to be built on what now is a parking for at Georgia Tech. It will be open 24 hours a day and staffed by

1.500 people. A maze of hot-food stations, pasta and salad bars. beverage dispensers and dessert tables will be able to serve up to 1,300 people every 10 minutes during peak hours. McDonald's, a sponsor of the Atlanta Games, will have a small restaurant in one corner.

Though the presence of McDonald's amid the gathering of supposedly health-conscious Olympians has drawn snickers from some quarters. Sprague said the fast food colossus has a rightful place. Athletes, watched closely

by their coaches, maintain a

disciplined diet as they pre-

pare for competition. "After the competition, they like to go for the hamburgers and French fries especially if they don't have a major competition right afterwards," Sprague said. "You find that they don't really replace it for a main meal but more as an

evening-type or snack

Gascoigne faces disciplinary hearing

GLASGOW (R) - England international Paul Gascoigne and three other players face a disciplinary hearing by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) following clashes during last Saturday's premier division match between Rangers and Aberdeen.

An SFA disciplinary spokesman said on Wednesday that the four players involved — Gascoigne, John Brown and Alan McLaren of Rangers and Aberdeen's Billy Dodds - had been asked to submit their comments on the incidents to an SFA disciplinary meeting next Mon-

The spokesman said the SFA had received a report from referee supervisor Don McVicar who watched the 1-1 draw at Ibrox from the stand. Police are also investigat-

ing the incidents.
Gascoigne, who was due to play for England in their. friendly against Switzerland at Wembley on Wednesday, has been booked six times since his 4.3-million-poundsterling (\$6.8-million) transfer to Glasgow from Rome side Lazio was completed in

statement of the night was her declaration that no matter what happens this week at the season finale, 1995 has "definitely" been her best year ever.

a tennis dress.

Graf calls

her best

year ever

NEW YORK (R) - Steffi

Graf tashioned a 6-2, 6-2

first-round win over Amanda

Coetzer at the WTA Tour

championships on Tuesday

and made a fashion statement

by playing for the first time in

But the most surprising

1995

It seems impossible — with all the tremendous success Graf has enjoyed since turning professional back in 1982 - that a year in which she has been beset by injuries and plagued by tax problems that landed her father in a German jail could be her best

ever. But it was precisely her ability to rise above those trials and tribulations that has made the year so personally satisfying to the 26-year-old German who has grown up with the whole tennis-loving world watching.

When asked if 1995 could possibly top 1988, the year Graf become only the third woman to win all four Grand Slam events in the same year and topped it off with an Olympic gold medal, she did not even have to think about

"No doubt about it." she immediately responded.

Graf, who also won three of the four major titles in 1989 and 1993 before repeating the feat this year, said victories came too easily for her to really appreciate them when she was vounger.

"Obviously a lot more is going on in my life than at that point in time," she said comparing her 1988 "golden slam" year with 1995.

"I think the competition has gotten a lot stronger and-I've had a lot of injuries. which made it even difficult. "So in looking at all the circumstances. I think that it was really difficult to pull it off and I didn't expect to, so I think it's a better year."



Steffi Graf shows off her U.S. Open trophy-one of three Grand Slams she captured in 1995 (AFP photo)

Asked if this had been the best year of her career, she answered: "Of my career? ves, definitely.

Despite a schedule shortened by back and foot problems. Graf has won eight of the 10 tournaments she en-

She claimed her fourth French Open, sixth Wimbledon and fourth U.S. Open to bring her Grand Slam resume to 18 major singles titles -equal to the legendary Chris Evert and Martina Navratilo-

On Tuesday she called her 1995 U.S. Open victory the greatest of her career, based on her expectations rather

than the quality of play.

Graf had been so upset and distracted by her father's recent imprisonment that she wasn't sure she was mentally prepared to make it through the first round, much less beat Monica Seles in an emotional three-set final.

"It's the most amazing tournament," she said. "Even in the Wimbledon that I played, which always meantthe most, I think this one topped it off."

well have duplicated Rod

Had she not been injured and forced to pass up the Australian Open. Graf could

Laver's feat of completing the Grand Slam twice. "Obviously I would have

loved to play, but the way everything went, I can't ask for anything else. I've done all I could," said the world number one.

The escape from personal problems that tennis has afforded Graf this year has given her a renewed love of the game.

"I think a lot of things that happened this year ... made me realise how much I like the game and how much still there is to gain for me," said Graf, who clearly is entertaining no thoughts of retiring any time soon.
"I've got something that I

love doing and to be able to do it is a pleasure," said a beaming Graf, who was embarrassed by all the attention paid to her one-piece tennis dress. She had always competed in a skirt or shorts with a shirt.

However, she said it would not be the last time she dressed this way. "I did feel comfortable and it didn't bother me at any times, so you'll definitely see it on the court again,

Even if Graf should lose her next match here, she will always remember 1995 with great fondness. But she is ready to stick around for a few more victories.

"I'm really looking forward to a holiday," she said. "But if you have such an incredible year, you just want

it to keep going." In the quarter-finals, Graf will face eighth-seeded American Mary Joe Fernan-

Fernandez dropped the first set, then fought back to score a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over 13th-ranked compatriot Chanda Rubin, who on Monday was named most improved player during the annual WTA awards ceremony. Earlier on Tuesday, 14th-

ranked Brenda Schultz-McCarthy rode the biggest serve in women's tennis to a 6-2, 7-6 pounding of seventh seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

The Dutch powerhitter bombed in 10 aces and

numerous service winners with her fastest ace clocked at 113 miles per hour (182 kph).

Maleeva, a steady baselin-er, simply had no answer for the remarkable power of an opponent whose second serve is harder than most of the first serves on the women's

Muster suffers setback in quest for No. 1 spot group matches against Jim

2). which h FRANKFURT (R) - Au-Winning patrian Thomas Muster's hopes of finishing the year at den State to the top of men's tennis for ed 24 points, the first time suffered a setles Clipter & back on Tuesday when he arrio (184) was beaten by Michael Chang straight up in his opening match of the ATP Tour world cham-Murray von pionship. d Burn Weg

for ! Any win his first Grand Slam title e games at the French Open in a 4-6. streal in 1/2 6-2, 6-3 defeat.

The Austrian world numprewell see ber three needs to win the

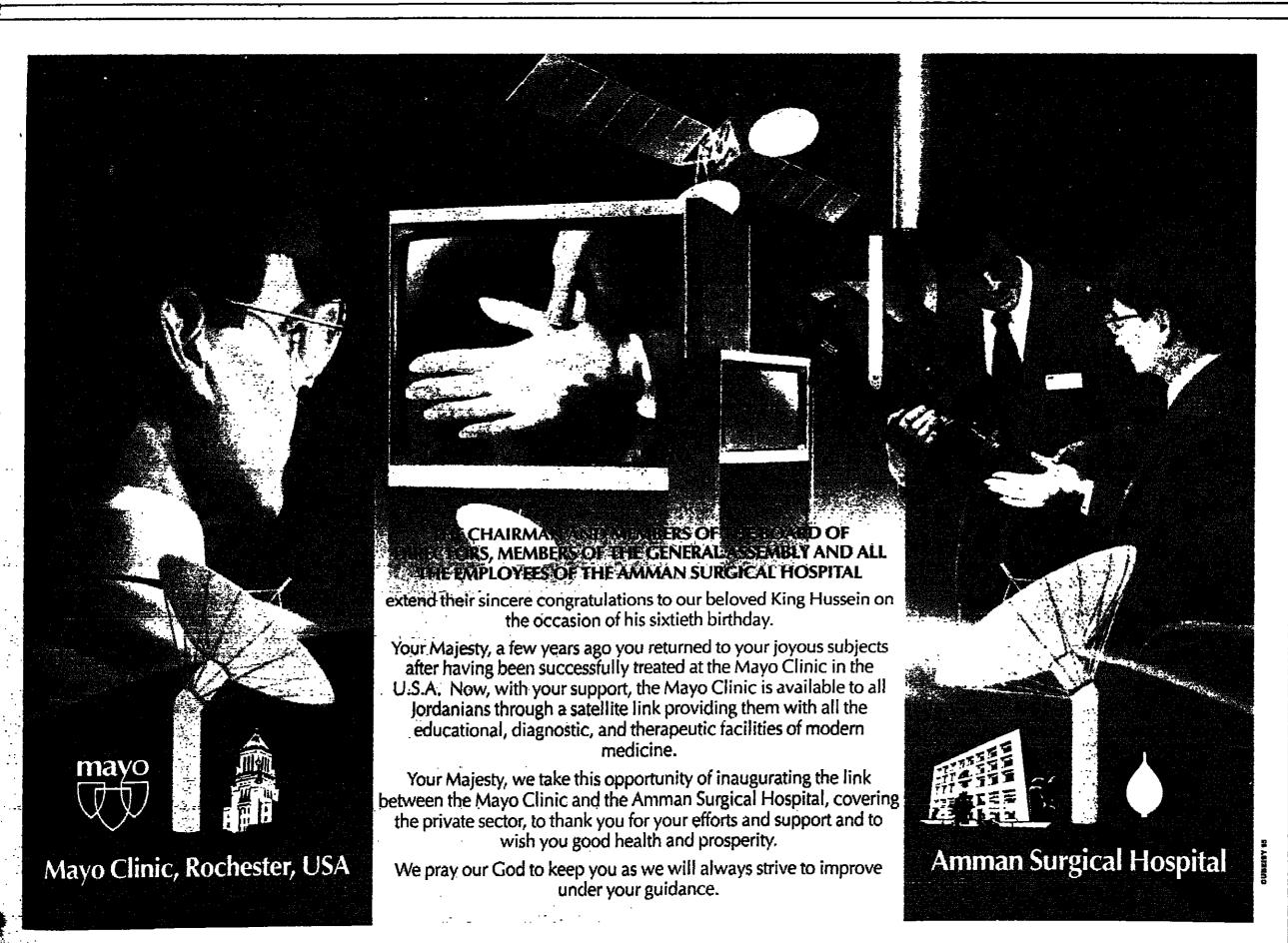
r just the sembands in his remaining red

the Wattion year-ending championship to ramento (dislodge American Pete Samcored M per pras from the toip of the igeles Laken.= world rankings. nort-handelies. He now has a battle on his

Courier and Swede Thomas Enqvist to clinch one of the top two places in the group and qualify for the semifinals. Muster's defeat contrasted

sharply with Sampras who opened his campaign with a businesslike 6-3, 6-3 victory over Russian Yevgeny Kafel-nikov in the other group.

Becker made an unconvincing start in front of his fanatical home supporters before battling back from behind to clinch a 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory over South African Wayne Ferreira, who filled the last place in the tournament following Agassi's withLeading prize-money winners as released by the ATP



Woman held in Rabin murder probe

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -- Israeli police arrested Wednesday a 20-year-old woman settler accused of playing a central role in a plot to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, police said. Margalit Har-Shefi was

arrested in the Beit El settlement close to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, said police spokesman Eric Bar

At the court of Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv she was accused of playing "a main and central role in the conspiracy" and that she contributed to preparing Mr. Rabin's assassination, the police representative to the court said.

She is the eighth person being held for Rabin's assassination on Nov. 4 including self-confessed murderer. Yig-

After Amir, his brother Hagai was the next to the arrested after the assassination, accused of supplying the

Five others suspected of belong to an extremist Jewish cell where then detained, including soldier Arik Schwartz. Dror Hadani, Ohad Skornik and Michael

Schwartz's father was also held but later released. On Wednesday a court remanded Skorknik in custody for five days.

Meanwhile Avishai Raviv, the head of the extremist Eyal group with which Amir had links, was released on bail and placed under house arrest, police said.

Eyal is an offshoot of the anti-Arab Kach movement banned after a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Muslims at

Arab village in northern

Israel, Arabs and Jews fought

it out at a football game this

weekend. But both sides

wore black armbands in

memory of assassinated

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin and the 2,000

fans stood for two minutes of

of the country's 5.5 million

citizens, share in the sorrow

at Mr. Rabin's assassination

because of his attempt to

make peace with their

Palestinian brethren and im-

prove their economic and so-

Jewish society — so deep that a right-wing lew was willing

to kill the Jewish prime

minister — have made İsraeli

Arabs think again about

Uncertainty over their fate

has sparked an old-new de-

bate in Israeli Arab circles

over what they can do to

change Jewish society to their

benefit. The assassination,

which also surprised some

Arabs, has drawn many clos-

er to the Israeli peace camp.

Rabin as the strong man who

did not compromise to Jewish

extremists but they were also

angry that he hesitated to use

have emphasised that they

cannot ignore Mr. Rabin's

past as one of the Israeli

leaders cruellest towards re-

bellious Palestinians. Feel-

ings towards him warmed

only after his famous peace

handshake with Palestine Li-

heration Organisation (PLO)

among the Arab Palestinian

community is genuine," said

Samih Al Qassem, a Druze

welf-known as a nationlist,

progressive poet of Palesti-

relationship with the Palesti-

nian people and our in-

"It is directly related to his

But in the Arab towns of

Nazareth and Haifa, common

people were undecided on

whether the Israeli left would

emerge stronger or weaker

from the shock of Mr.

the left wing was sad but the

right wing was defeated and

will be for a long time," said

Sheikh Abdullah Nimr Dar-

wish, leader of the Arah

"During Rabin's funeral.

man resistance.

terests," he added.

Rabin's murder.

"Sorrow at Rabin's killing

Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Almost all Israeli Arabs

his iron fist against them.

Israeli Arabs hailed Mr.

But the deep divisions in

cial conditions.

where they stand.

Israel's Arabs, 14 per cent

Israeli Arabs fear

change after Rabin

NAZARETH (R) - In an Israeli Islamic Movement.



An Israeli police officer escorts two ultraorthodox Israelis to a Jerusalem court. The two were arrested for an attempt to desecrate the grave of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (AFP photo)

The courts also remanded extremist, David Balahsen. accused of publicly defending Amir a day after the mur-

The head of Israel's internal security services Shin Bet told a parliamentary subcommittee he accepted full responsibility for his agency's failure to protect Mr. Rabin.

The head of Shin Bet. whose name is held secret, said he was unable to predict the assassination, infiltrate groups that planned it or prevent it from happening. Israeli television said Tues-

He told a parliamentary subcommittee on security that he was prepared to take full responsibility before a Shin Bet internal inquiry commission, which has yet to complete its report on the

He said Amir had meticulously prepared the assassination for two years and that at least two people knew of his plans: his brother Haggai and their friend Adani.

The security chief said that right-wing extremist Shlomo Halevy had warned Shin Bet of the planned assassination but he was not taken seriously because "only the most

"By mixing with Israelis,

we are not sure Rabin's death

will pull them towards the

left. They might forget the

shock after two weeks and

support the right wing. We

are worried about an escala-

tion of right-wing violence.'

added Hassan Abu Shahla,

65, owner of a small clothes

Mr. Rabin's death, many

"It will lead to changes.

Arabs said, was making Jews

reassess the ideology and na-

not only in the mentality of

the Israelis, but also in the

mentality of Palestinians and

Arabs as well," said Mr. Qas-

sem, who comes from hte

by changes in the Jewish soci-

forced link between us and

the Israelis, thus we can't but

be involved in everything that

goes on in their society." he

But Sheikh Darwish said

he was against Arab involve-

ment in this inter-Jewish de-

bate for fear it would back-

have wielded their influence

through the ballot box, vot-

ing for whoever rendered

them services, be it right or

left. Mr. Rabin, however.

won a good share of Arab

votes in the 1992 elections.

the State of Israel by default

1948 war. Jewish extremist

gangs drove thousands of

others out of their homes.

intimidating tens of

thousands more to flee in fear

from their towns and villages.

For years the Israeli Arabs.

who now number about

750,000, were isolated from

the two million Palestinians

in the Gaza Strip and the

West Bank. They have also

complained of discrimination

by successive Jewish govern-

Haifa is by far the most

striking city where Jews and

Arabs live side by side. But

even there, there is an exclu-

sively Arab commercial quar-

Older men sit outside their

shops or homes, smoking the

hubbly bubbly and chatting in

mixed Hebrew and Arabic.

seem better integrated into

Jewish society. Many behave

and dress like Israelis.

The younger generation

Arabs became citizens of

staving at home in the

Traditionally Israeli Arabs

"We are directly affected

he said. "There is a

ture of the Jewish state.

shop in Haifa.

serious warnings are ex-amined among the hundreds that the security service re-

ceives daily.' He also said that a police officer, contrary to his agency's recommendation, had left his post in front of the podium where Mr. Rabin was making a speech shortly before his assassination at a Tel Aviv peace rally.

Police detained two religious Jews who desecrated the grave of Mr. Rabin. a police spokesman said. "One of them spat on his

grave and the other one was in the process of attempting to relieve himself on the grave," spokesman Bar-Chen He said the two, in their

early twenties, were students at a religious seminary. They were arrested overnight. Mr. Rabin's widow offered

praise for the efforts made toward peace by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, saying they offered more hope than the actions of Israeli rightwing leader Benjamin

Leah Rabin, in an interview broadcast late Tuesday by ABC television, said the Palestinian leader had done more for the Arab-Israeli

peace process than the Likud Party leader.

'The handshake two years ago with (Rabin and) Mr. Arafat symbolised hope and the beginning of a new road that we embarked for peace." Leah Rabin said.

"A handshake with Mr. Netanyahu I don't think presents hope for peace for most of us who believe in a certain way that peace can be achieved, can be man-

The prime minister's widow, who has blamed Mr. Netanyahu for the climate that led to her husband's assassination, has said she shook hands with the opposition leader at Mr. Rabin's funeral to avoid a public

By contrast, she received Mr. Arafat in her family home privately and said later the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader had "adopted" the family of the slain prime minister.

She told ABC that Mr. Netanyahu in public debates in parliament "used words like this prime minister is a lunatic," 'this prime minister has lost a sense of direc-

(Continued on page 7)

Monitors satisfied Algerian presidential poll will be fair planation for the massive in- Algerian media here has

ALGIERS (Agencies) - International observers monitoring Algeria's first multiparty presidential election said Wednesday they were satisfied that the poll would be free and fair.

All three teams of monitors from the United Nations. the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) said they were happy with the preparations for the election on Thursday.

Tight security surrounds the poll in the face of threats of violence from Islamic extremists who have fought a bloody civil war with the authorities that has left more than 40,000 dead since 1992. Hussein Al Kamel, a for-

mer Egyptian diplomat heading a seven-member U.N. delegation here, told AFP; "The authorities here are being very open with us. We are following up all the information they give. We are satisfied that everything is being done correctly.

There was a similar message from the OAU, although press reports said Wednesday that its delega-

crease from 12 million to 16 million in the number of voters which Algeria has registered since 1992.

However, Sarao Toko, an OAU observer from Angola. said: "I don't see any problems. We are very happy with the way things are going."

The authorities have said the large rise in the number of voters can be explained by Algeria's rapid birth rate and the number of people who have come of age in those

.The 44-member Arab League mission was preparing Wednesday to send its monitors out to 24 of the country's 48 provinces to ensure the election was con-

ducted properly.
Ali Abdul Karim, assistant secretary general of the league and the team's leader here, said: "We have had several meetings with the Algerian committee supervising the election and met the candidate's representatives.

"We are satisfied that the ntenarations have been conducted properly. It is a free given coverage to all the

Many Algerians said meanwhile they were sick of the violence ravaging their country, suggesting many would turn out to vote in the elec-

Some expressed hope the poll would be a first step towards ending the four-yearold conflict that has killed up to 40,000 people but others feared Islamic militants would launch attacks to disrupt voting.
"We are sick and tired of

the violence," a taxi driver told Reuters in the Algerian

"I hope the election will lead to change: change in the security situation, which means the ending of terrorism and change in the social and economic situation," he

An apparently distant blast was heard at 1005 a.m. (0905 GMT) in Algiers but there were no details on its cause or location. Hours later. Algeria's official media had not

tion had demanded an exelection." he added. "The Time pressing for peace deal with Syria - Beilin

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Economy Minister Yossi Beilin on Wednesday warned time was running out to reach a peace deal with Syria ahead of a visit by U.S. Middle East

envoy Dennis Ross. "With the Syrians we have very short while... my estimation is several months," Mr. Beilin told the Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem.

Mr. Ross is due in Israel on Sunday in a renewed bid to break the deadlock in the negotiations between the Jewish state and Syria which ground to a halt in June after military chiefs-of-staff failed to make a breakthrough in security talks,

Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has sent Mr. Ross and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher messages about the talks, and has predicted that a comprehensive peace including Syria was possible by 2000.

his first full-length interview with Israeli television for a broader dialogue with Syria. "We have to talk on other

levels than the military, to and annexed in 1981.

foresee the whole range of problems and come up with new ideas. We will do all we can to renew the dialogue." But Mr. Beilin was more

pessimistic: "I am not sure that they have taken a big decision to make peace. Somehow they are hesitating. I do not see a strategic decision to make peace with us." He said the past three

years had been spent discussing only matters of procedure using the United States as a go-between. "Had the Syrians been ready to discuss directly with

us in a high level it could have been very different, but it is not the case," hew said. He warned the steps already taken could end in an impasse with Israeli elections due in November 1996 and the United States also preparing to go to the polls next

security arrangements to accompanay an Israeli withdrawal on the Golan Heights. captured by Israel in 1967

Syria has rejected Israel's demand to have early warning stations on the strategic plateau whereas Israel has so far refused to outline the scope and timetable of a withdrawal from the heights.

"Peace is not just to get back the Golan Heights but to normalise relations." Mr. Beilin said.

"We hope that on the other side, there are people who understand the opportunity which exists there and that time is not playing in favour of peace. But so far U.S.-led

attempts to bring the two sides back to the negotiating table have been to no avail. Meanwhile Mr. Peres will travel to Washington at the end of November to try to relaunch the peace process. sources close to him said.

Mr. Beilin said he thought it was possible to make sethe Palestinians on the final status of the territories including East Jerusalem due to start at the latest by May

Mr. Kasasbeh denied Mr.

"He contacted me but I

told him that the cartoon

characters were derived from

Mr. Kasasbeh told the Jordan

Times Wednesday shortly af-

He said this case sets a

precedent in the history of

the Kingdom and that "it will

open the door for the fun-

damentalists and extremists

to practise ideological terror-

The maximum penalty for

the violation of any article of

the Press and Publications

The court is expected to hold the first hearing of the

"My lawsuit is not politi-

cally motivated, all I wanted

was an apology in the news-

paper for tarnishing Islam's image." Mr. Thuneibat said.

Al Bilad case next week.

our traditions and culture."

Thuneibat's charges and said

he made no promises.

ter he was released.

ism on the press.

Law is JD 1,000.

Rabaul. Art theft rewards

LONDON (R) Informants are vital to the recovery of stolen masterpieces but police corruption can easily result if rewards are too high, art experts said. Detectives tracking down stolen paintings and insurers trying to minir ise their losses agreed at an international conference on art theft on the need to work underground. But Charles Hill. head of Scotland Yard's Art Squad that helped track down Edvard Munch's stolen masterpiece The Scream, said: "Reward payments can too easily become a recipe for police corruption." Mr. Hill said that when ransoms were demanded for stolen paintings, it was vital for the owner, insurers and police to "keep their nerve and stick together. The aim of the police should be to capture the imaginations of the' thieves or handlers that they are blinded to reality... Turning their blindness and stupid greed against them is the right tactic," he said. Insurance loss adjuster Richard Mangnall of the British firm Tyler and Co. said that in the 1970s some murky deals took place. "Some adjusters had perhaps got a little too close to police officers... Some reward money, sometimes

'Ultimate sex

LONDON (AFP) - The Swedish pomographic satellite service XXXTV:

CANBERRA (AFP)

The wreckage of a RAAF

Fighter-bomber found with long-dead Aussie crew

Beaufighter and remains of its two Australian crewmen have been found in Papua New Guinea 52 years after they disappeared in an attack on the Japanese, officials said here Wednesday. The two men were identified as pilot, flying officer John Coates of Lake Boga, Victoria, and navigator, flying officer Charles Hilton Chapple of Greenthorpe, New South Wales. RAAF spokesman Ken Llewellyn said the pair, members of 30 squadron based at Kiriwina Island, had disappeared on Nov. 25, 1943, during a routine low level sweep with another Beaufighter against Japanese coastal shipping. There was no doubt they had crashed into thick jungle but they had remained "missing in action" and presumed killed until recently. A French survey team working through the area came across the wreckage of the (win-engined fighterbomber on the island of New Britain and reported the find to Australian authorities. Mr. Llewellyn said. The number, location of the crash and wartime reports allowed the RAAF to be fairly certain of the identity of the wreckage and its crew even before a RAAF crash team arrived at the site and found their dogtags. A small group of the men's relatives will be escorted back to their funeral at the Bita Paka War Cemetery

can corrupt police - experts

quite a substantial amount. was going into the individual police officer's pocket," said Mr. Mangnall.

channel' banned

which bills itself as under the control of the cont ultimate sex channel was Tuesday effectively bill said. They said banned here by the British which has good respondent. National chan and Abu Dhart. panned means and second properties of a secon order outlawing use of XXXTV smart cards a treater and Lesser programme listings or any the to start on Saturathe hardcore pornographic to their first official channel, previously known a broke up without as TV Erotica.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israeli forces detain Lebanese vessel

peacekeepers.

PLO holds 5 who planned to kill Arafat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip arrested five people linked to the Abu Nidal militant group who planned to assassinate Yasser Arafat, a Palestinian security official said on Wednesday. The official, who declined to be named, said the five came to Gaza from Libya and Algeria. He said they were arrested a few days ago and security around Mr. Arafat had been stepped up. The Abu Nidal group violently opposes peace moves with Israel. Last year Palestinian police said they arrested several members of the group who planned to kill

Morocco arrests more than 2,000 for corruption

Egyptian goes on trial under new press law

CAIRO (AFP) - The first journalist to be tried for defamation under a controversial new press law appeared in court here Wednesday Magdi Ahmad Hussein, editor of the Islamist bi-weekly Al Shaah, was accused of publishing Dec. 20 after a lawyer for the journalists' union said it was union has bitterly opposed the legislation, which introduces jail terms of up to 15 years for defamation. Mr. Hussein told AFP the trial had "political aims because the my articles, and to apply pressure. "It also wants to send a message to all journalists that they face problems if their criticism goes beyond tolerable limits." He added: "The government thinks that Al Shaab steps over the limits of freedom given to the opposition and breaks the rules of the game which allow reports on corruption on condition that

TYRE (AFP) - Israeli naval forces detained a Lebanese fishing boat in the southern port of Naqoura after seizing it in Lebanese territorial waters, a fisherman said here on Wednesday. Hussein Abed Taha told AFP an Israeli gunboat opened fire on his fishing boat on Tuesday two kilometres (1.4 miles) off the coast of Tyre. Sixteern other vessels nearby returned to port while Taha and two other fishermen were instructed by the Israeli forces to destroy their nets and follow them. "When we refused they opened fire at us and towed our boat five nautical miles further away. They held us there for about nine hours and then towed us to Naqoura. searched us, took our fish away and then ordered us to walk back to Tyre." Taha said. "They kept our boat and told us to inform the other fishermen that should they ever go beyond a two-kilometre limit south of Tyre, they will be arrested and not released," he added. Nagoura is about 15 kilometres south of Tyre. Israel's proxy militia. the South Lebanon Army (SLA). controls a small port there near the headquarters of U.N.

RABAT (R) - Moroccan police arrested 2.172 people in recent days for trying to corrupt paramilitary gendarmes by offering them bribes, the official Moroccan news agency MAP reported. It said the arrests were made in the 10 days to Nov. 10 and those arrested were given prison sentences ranging from one month to four months and fined up to 1.000 Moroccan dirhams (\$20). It is not uncommon in Morocco to offer tips to low-paid functionaries and gendarmes in order to get off paying fines or customs duties. The practice is generally tolerated although the government has taken tougher action recently to curb corruption and smuggling, which is costing the state millions of dollars in lost revenue from import duties.

an article in Juv libelling Alaa Hassan Al Alif, the son of the interior minister. The court adjourned the case until going to challenge the law in the Constitutional Court. The government wants to take revenge for criticism I made in those involved are not named."

Al Bilad editor and cartoonist freed on bail, will face charges when I felt that other con-

cerned authorities did not

take an action to prevent (Al

Bilad) from publishing caric-

atures that insulted Islamic

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN --- Two journalists of Al Bilad weekly who were detained Monday on charges of tarnishing the image of Islam and denied bail twice were released on bond Wednesday evening, the publisher of the weekly, Nayef Tawareh said.

Al Bilad editor Khaled Kasasbeh and cartoonist Usama Hajjaj were detained after the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood movement. Abdul Majid Thuneibat, filed a complaint accusing the weekly of publishing cartoons that tarnish the image of Islam and make contempt of

religion. Mr. Thuneibat asserted that the weekly violated the Press and Publications Law that prohibits the printing of any material that invokes contempt of religion. "I decided to make a move

Militants

claim

values." Mr. Thuneibat said. referring to three consecutive cartoons that were published by the weekly. Mr. Thuneibat said the cartoon, entitled the "Belly Dancer and the Politician. was a direct insult to the Islamic religion and to Muslims in general.

"I was highly surprised to see such material published in our press." Mr. Thuneibat said. "I immediately contacted Mr. Kasasbeh demanding an apology which he promised he will run in the coming issue."

"He did not." Mr. Thuneibat added. "Instead. the same cartoon was published again and again but with more defamation of

Spain's Solana tiptoes towards top NATO job MADRID (R) - Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Sola-

killing of na carefully edged closer to bidding for the North Atlan-Egyptian CAIRO (AFP) - An Islamic militant group calling itself the "Gamaa of International added Spain had not yet

Justice" on Wednesday claimed responsibility for the murder of an Egyptian trade official in Geneva and ward a name. warned of more attacks "For the time being there abroad. The previously unknown

group said in a statement to a toreign news agency here. We killed him under the law of retaliation, and more death sentences have been issued against others' (Continued on page 7)

steps to avoid any danger of

tic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) top job on Wednesday after weeks of public wrangling among the allies. Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez said Mr. Solana. 53, would make a "magnificent" secretary-general but thought about it. The foreign ministry said Madrid reserved the right to put for-

s no Spanish candidate — for the time being," a ministry spokesman stressed.

With the traditionally discreet process of picking a NATO chief now fully public after weeks of embarrassing arguments between Washington and its allies, Mr. Solana appeared to be measuring his rejection.

Washington's European allies are still smarting at its blunt treatment of former Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers, who was formally put forward by the Netherlands. and endorsed by key players only to be rejected by the United States after holding talks there. "I think everyone wants to

make sure at this stage there are not going to be any new fiascos, one official told Reuters. "It's very likely that anyone who doesn't want to take the risk now might be waiting to be reasonably sure of a consensus."

Mr. Solana, a former Fulbright scholar in the United States, is said to have a good relationship with Secretary of State Warren Christopher and even with President Bill

21.201 3. 1. 1. 2. a pergray the linear process Sign of

42 sel 25 fer 25/27 5-Achanasana : : : : = = Elist force Se children is result in the children is result in the children in the childre

and Middle Essential State of the Service of the Se None sale nearest leam that Abrical de Jordanian govern-on the universal arm and of children arm advances of diseases by CEF MENA director the world for reace and according to the reace and reace according to the reac

on Book for the causes sepoused of the impact of a succession of the con-Silve Career Dart . si Iran hold on dispute

and a literated and ed Arab Emirares

El official Emirares

Improduction talks on

Sommer discussion

MICEF director Cigary La The same of the same of A 100 Arrana Step 1 The Court केंद्र का का का ₩ #12.- · · · · ·

kan pays tribute